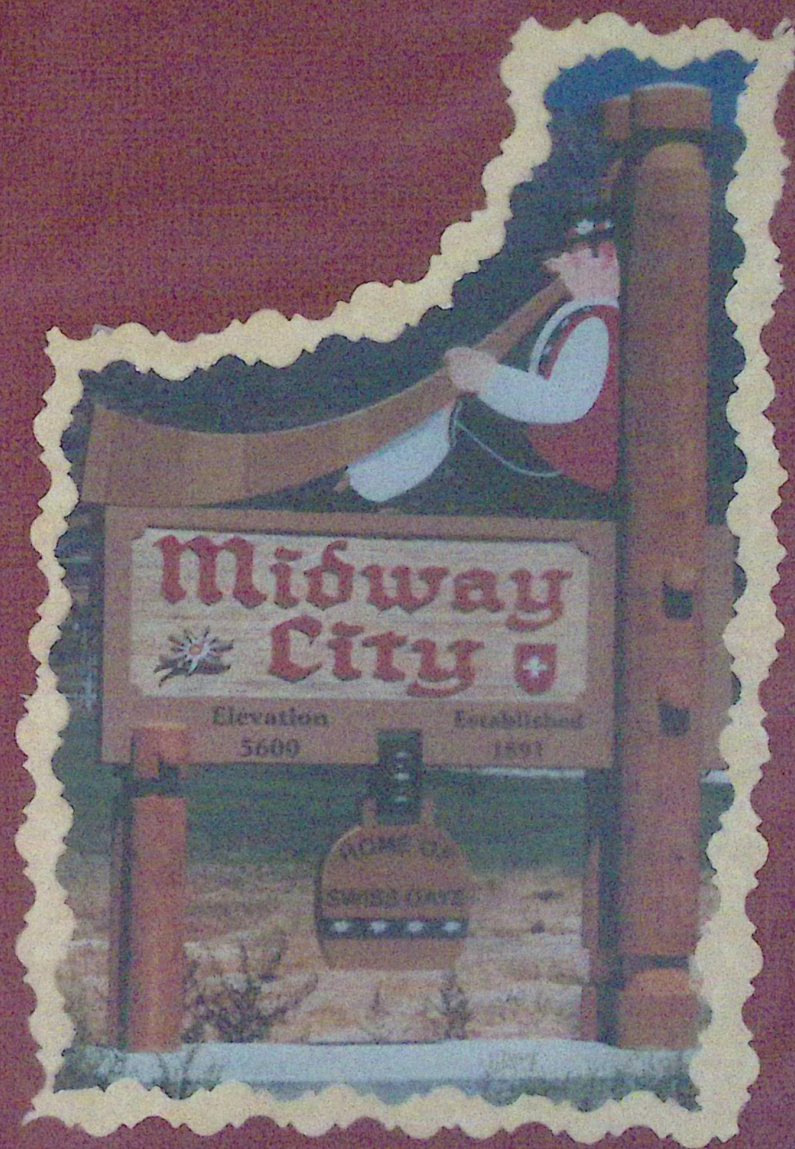


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**Midway Boosters Historian
Book**

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Booster Calendar of Events 2003

February	Planning of the "Saturday Family Night at Town Hall" concerts
April	Swiss Miss
May	Spring planting / park / cemetery clean-up
June	Executive planning
July	4th of July Celebration
August/ September	Swiss Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swiss Day Parade • Swiss Miss Float • Heidi Puppet Show • Swiss Chorus • Hand Bell Ringers
November	Christmas decorations
December	Swiss Christmas Annual Christmas Party and election of officers

Booster Organization 2003 Officers

Lloyd, Gary	President
Wilson, Randon Medby, Millie	Vice-Presidents
Rasband, Garth	Treasurer

Sims, Mendy	Secretary
Martin, Laura	Historian

2003 Board Members

Dinter, Warren
Dodge, Karl & Gunda Lee
Griffith, Cal & Buff
Harrigan, Sara
Hughes, Dean
Hughs, Kathy
Johnson, Bob & Charlene
Kelson, Wade & Jennifer
Kissell, Bill
Murphy, Brian
Oleson, John & Janice
Tatton, Rick
Rasband, Joan
Sims, Paul
Simonson, Bob
Simonsen, Alice
Urry, Marilyn
Wilson, Gayle
Zupo, Frank

Ex-Officio Members of Booster Board

Probst, Bill (Mayor)
Simmons, Jerry

Midway Boosters

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Midway Boosters

Preserving the past
with an eye on the future



MIDWAY

BOOSTERS



2003

Now in our 56th year, the Midway Boosters Club was organized in the summer of 1947 to protect and expand the cultural, social, and spiritual traditions of those who settled and built this beautiful valley.

On July 4th hundreds of families of Wasatch County join the Boosters annual 7:00 a.m. "Sunrise" patriotic celebration on town square. The Booster's "Swiss Chorus", "Swiss Bell Ringers", and the Salt Lake Fife and Drum Corp., preceded the featured speaker U. S. Congressman Jim Matheson.

This year we again honored five young ladies who were selected as the royalty to the Swiss Miss event. In cooperation with the Midway City and the LDS church, the Boosters also sponsor the famous "Swiss Days", entertaining over 75,000 visitors annually.

Swiss Christmas in Town Hall, in early December is a community favorite featuring Swiss Santa and Mrs. Claus. Booths and entertainment round out the activities of this winter event.

More recently the Boosters joined other community leaders to develop a professional ice rink. They also helped with the remodeling of the Town Hall and spearheaded the renovation of the Social Hall (cannery).

We would love to have you join us.

The Booster Board of Trustees

Committees / Chairs

Cookbook.....	Alice Simonsen
Fourth of July Activity.....	Karl & Gunda Lee Dodge, Garth Rasband, Dean Hughs
Ice Show Coordinator.....	Bob Simonsen
Midway Beautification.....	Gary M. Lloyd (rep. to City Council)
Saturday Family Night.....	Merilyn Urry at Town Hall
Swiss Christmas.....	Gayle Wilson, Joan Rasband, Bob & Alice Simonsen, Kathy Hughs, Cal & Buff Griffith
Swiss Days Chairman.....	Andy Pierce
Swiss Days Booths.....	Cal & Buff Griffith, Alice Simonsen, Gayle & Gunda Lee Dodge, Wade & Jennifer Kelson
Swiss Days Parade.....	Wade Kelson, Paul & Mindy Sims, Sara Harrigan
Swiss Miss.....	Karl & Gunda Lee Dodge, Tara Wall
Town Hall Refurbishing.....	Warren Dinter, Garth Rasband



Hand Bell Choir

The Boosters sponsor midway's renowned bell ringer choir. The Bell Ringers, wearing authentic Swiss costumes, perform Swiss Days, Swiss Christmas and at many other scheduled performances. Sarah Chatterley directs the Bell Ringers.

Midway Swiss Chorus

The Swiss Chorus is always looking for those who would like to sing. The rehearsals began in May and end after Christmas. The Chorus performs at the July 4th celebration. Swiss Days and Swiss Christmas, as well as other scheduled concerts in and out of the valley. This year's director is Mike Siggard.



Booster Mission Statement 2003

To preserve and perpetuate the cultural, social, and spiritual traditions of those who settled and built this community.

To preserve and improve the economic, geographic, environmental, architectural, and educational aspects of our beautiful valley.

To foster good will and cooperation by continued sponsoring and being responsible for the annual Swiss Days' Festival, the 4th of July celebration, Swiss Christmas, and many other wholesome community activities.

To extend a welcome to and invite participation in Booster activities to those who establish residency in our community.

To recognize by appropriate acknowledgment outstanding citizens, family or others as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Boosters Elect New Officers

MIDWAY – After three years of leading the Midway Boosters, Jack Zenger is stepping down as president. Replacing him will be Gary Lloyd.

The change was voted on at the non-profit organization's December meeting. The mission of the Boosters, as the organization is sometimes known, is to improve the quality of life in Midway by promoting cultural and beautification projects.

One of the Boosters' largest projects is the annual Swiss Days which funds many Booster projects.

Zenger's term in office is characterized by his ability to foster positive relationships with the many Midway organizations.

"Zenger is a coalition builder," said Lloyd. "Since Zenger's presidency, Boosters now have greater rapport with the Midway City Council, the Swiss Days committee and the other

organizations under its wing."

One of Zenger's pet projects during his term was the continued renovation of the Midway Town Hall.

Zenger is also a prominent figure other Midway service organizations like the Midway Beautification Committee and the Midway Heritage Foundation.

Lloyd, who will serve under the organization's by-laws for one year, is also associated with the Midway Beautification Committee and worked in Wasatch County as a volunteer during the 2002 Winter Olympics. Prior to retiring, he was the State Board of Education's executive director of Utah Families and Education for nine years.

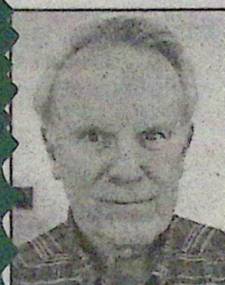
Also completing their term of office are Cass How, vice president, and Virginia Hansen, secretary. The new Midway Booster officers are: Gary Lloyd, president; Randon Wilson, first vice president; Millie Medby, vice president; Garth Rasband, treasurer; and Mindsy Sims, secretary.

Lloyd said, "I really believe in the community. My wife and I wanted to make sure we were contributors from the word get go."

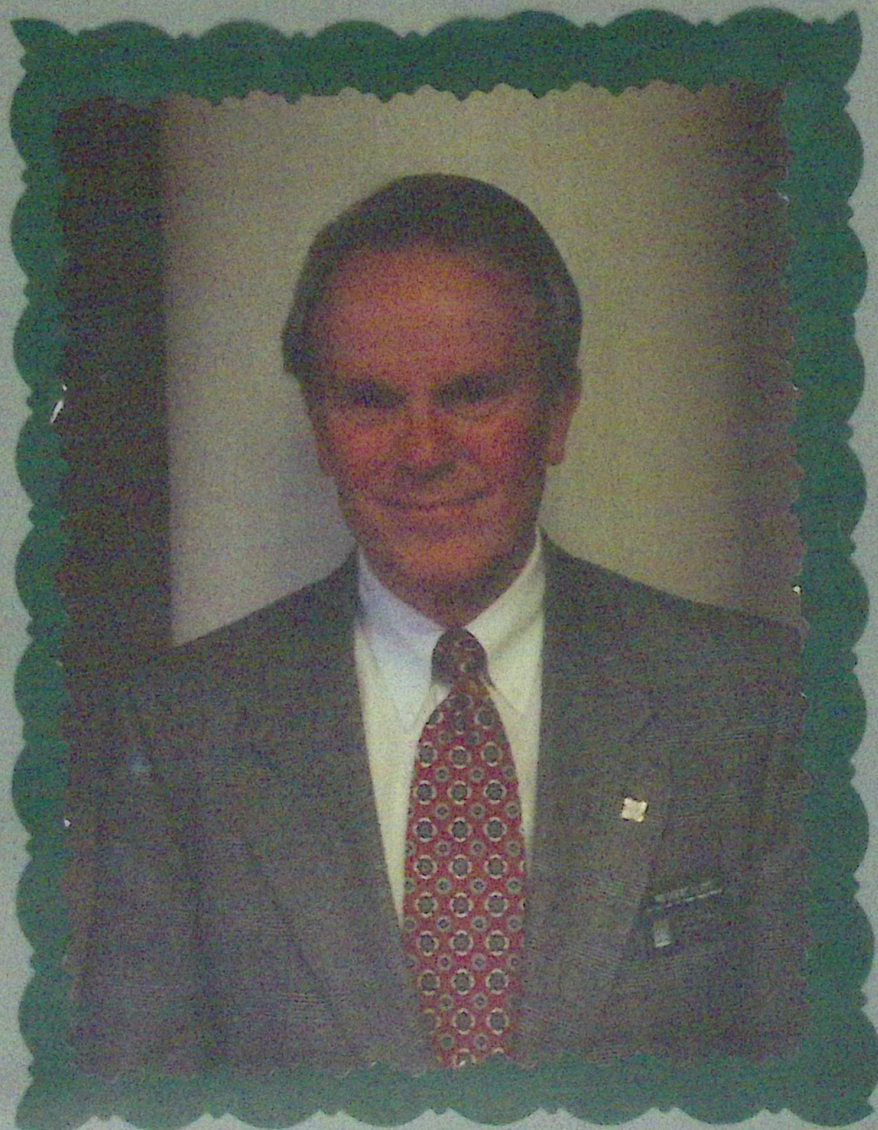
He concluded, "Jack's leadership strengthened the Boosters. It is now my job to see it continues moving in the same direction."



Jack Zenger



Gary Lloyd



Gary Lloyd was born in Provo Valley, Utah. After finishing his early education he went on to receive a B.S. And Masters degree from Brigham Young University. He then continued at Ohio State University where he received a Ed.D. (Dr. in Education)

Gary went on to manage four financial institutions in Montana and Utah. From there he became a member of the Utah State Board of Education, serving as an Educational Administrator for 30 years.

He and his wife Donna have a family of eight children. Today they have 19 grand children.

Item	Project	Duration	Start	Finish
1.	4 th of July	1 day	July 4 th	
2.	4 th of July cleanup	1 day	July 5 th	
3.	Swiss Days time line	1 month	7-15	8-15
4.	Swiss Days activity	2 days	8-29	8-30
5.	Swiss Days clean-up	2 days	9-1	9-2
6.	Swiss Christmas prep	1 month	9-16	10-16
7.	Town Square caroling	1 month	9-16	10-16
8.	Fall Planting – park/cemetery clean-up	1 day	9	
9.	Establish nominating committee	10 days	10-1	10-10
10.	Interviews for officers	1 mth	10-1	10-30
11.	Refurbish Christmas decorations	10 days	10-5	10-15
12.	Set-up Christmas décor. Town Hall, etc	1 day	11-14	
13.	Nominations of new Board members	1 day	11-15	
14.	Swiss Christmas	2 days	12-5	12-6
15.	Swiss Christmas cleanup	1 day	12-8	
16.	Annual Christmas Party	1 day	12-13	
17.	Publish list of new officers & next year's meeting schedule	1 day	12-20	
18.	Town Caroling on Square	1 day	12-24	

Midway Boosters
Short Term Goals and Objectives
2003

Attendance by Board members of concerts by Swiss Chorus, Swiss Bell
Ringers, and Saturday Family Night at Town Hall series.

Current Mission Statement

The mission of the corporation shall be:

- To preserve and perpetuate the cultural, social, and spiritual traditions of those who settled and built this community.
- To preserve and improve the economic, geographic, environmental, architectural, and educational aspects of the community of Midway, Utah.
- To foster good will and cooperation by continued sponsoring and being responsible for the annual Swiss Days' Festival, the 4th of July celebration, Swiss Christmas, and any other wholesome community activities.
- To extend a welcome to and invite participation in Booster activities to those who establish residency in our community.
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Midway Booster Board of Trustees Minutes of Meeting – December 12, 2002

The special Holiday Party of the Board of Trustees of Midway Boosters, Inc. began at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2002 at Dock of the Bay Restaurant, Midway, Utah. Twenty-two Trustees were in attendance: Jack Zenger, Randon Wilson, Cass Ho, Garth Rasband, Virginia Hansen, Warren Dinter, Cal Griffiths, Buff Griffiths, Mike Ho, Dean Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Gary Lloyd, Donna Lloyd, Brian Murphy, Joan Rasband, Mindy Sims, Paul Sims, Bob Simonson, Alice Simonson, Marilyn Urry, Gayle Wilson and Swiss Days Chairman, Andy Peirce. Six additional spouses were welcomed as well.

Excused were: Millie Medby, Janis Oleson, John Oleson, Amy Pendelton, Chris Pendelton, Marsha Probst, Joe Probst, Jerry Simons, Ella Simons, Rick Tatton, Frank Zupo, and Mayor Bill Probst. The party was lead by Jack Zenger. Business and merriment were as follows:

1. BUSINESS Jack Zenger made known to us that the Midway Business Alliance would like to have an ex-officio member of the Booster Board to represent them. Likewise, they would like to invite a Booster Board Member to be an ex-officio member of their board, to further communication and a working relationship.

This appointment was approved upon a motion by Mindy Sims, seconded by Dean Hughes.

2. 2002 BOOSTER'S HISTORY Jack encouraged us to look at the book of events, information and pictures created by Ella Simons, Historian, chronicling the year 2002. It was an outstanding effort and is greatly appreciated by the Board.

We retired this business part of the evening to enjoy a wonderful meal accompanied by much conversation.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT Following dinner, Jack Zenger gave his Report, briefly mentioning the following highlights of the year past:

The Olympics, the Swiss Miss Pageant, the Fourth of July Program, Town Hall Presents – the Golden Bough, Swiss Days, the Parades, William Tell. Swiss Children's Chorus, Heidi Puppet show. Every one of these projects was done with excellence and he expressed his thanks to all involved.

The Midway Cookbook – what a wonderful project that was, many thanks to Alice Simonson.

Olympic Memory Photos – an outstanding project – great appreciation to Brian Murphy.

Swiss Christmas – another wonderful success – thanks to Gayle Wilson and her committee.

Refurbishing of Town Hall – Warren Dinter has done an outstanding job of getting Phase 1 finished and now with Phases 2 & 3 underway, we express great appreciation for a job we can all be proud of.

Town Beautification – we owe Jerry Simons a great vote of thanks for his efforts with the beautification of Midway.

Town Beautification – Randon Wilson has spent an enormous amount of time orchestrating the proposed development of the commercial district in Midway. It is one of the most important things that has come to Midway in the past 20+ years. We express great appreciation for his thoughtful ideas and determination in this project.

Midway City Newsletter – under the direction of Mayor Probst, which allows for good communication from the Boosters to the community. Great job.

If there was one thing that was a disappointment to Jack, this year, it is that we haven't fixed the problem of volunteer recruitment, and he hopes that the new Board will be able to attract more help.

At the end of his 3 years of service, Jack said that he feels good about building a bond with the Town Fathers and a close working relationship with the Town and the Swiss Days Committee. He is delighted that the Board is working well together – they are committed and supportive.

Jack said he will leave with great confidence in the new board which will continue to improve and build upon the successes of the past.

He expressed his thanks for the support during the past years and called his opportunity to serve "A Great Honor".

4. ELECTIONS FOR 2003 OFFICERS AND BOARD Under the direction of Nominating Committee member, Dean Hughes, the slate of Officers for 2003, chosen by the current officers, was as follows:

President:	Gary Lloyd
Vice President:	Millie Medby
Vice President:	Randon Wilson
Treasurer:	Garth Rasband
Secretary:	Mindy Sims

New Board Members who have agreed to serve in positions vacated by current members:

Wade & Jennifer Kelson
Bill Kissle
Karl and Gundalee Dodge
Sara Herrigan

Dean asked for any nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion to Pass by Acclimation was made by Kathy Hughes and seconded by Garth Rasband. The vote was unanimous.

Brief farewell talks from retiring Officers Cass Ho and Gini Hansen followed. Then we welcomed our new Booster's President Gary Lloyd and enjoyed his insightful remarks. He then presented gifts to Cass and Mike Ho, Gini Hansen and Jack Zenger for their service to the Booster's. The gifts were limited edition pin sets of Wasatch County, with 4 interlocking pins representing the various parts of the County. They were beautifully mounted and framed and were very appreciated by the recipients.

The evening then took a more festive turn with the group assembling in a circle where Holly Zenger organized a Christmas Sing along with Donna Lloyd's piano accompaniment. It was great fun with groups jumping up and down and acting out the *12 Days of Christmas* and other songs. Thanks to Holly and Donna for a very enjoyable finale to a great party and a wonderful Booster's year.

Happy New Year to you and all your loved ones !!!

Virginia Hansen, Secretary / December 12, 2002

Griffith, Cal & Buff

Harrigan, Sara

Hughes, Dean

Hughes, Kathy

Kelson, Wade & Jennifer

Kissell, Bill

Murphy, Brian

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Tatton, Rick

Rasband, Joan

~~Sims, Paul~~

Simonsen, Bob

Simonsen, Alice

Urry, Marilyn

Wilson, Gayle

Swiss Days Booth Chairs, Swiss Christmas committee

Swiss Days Parade Committee

Publicity & Marketing Chair, 4th of July Committee
Swiss Christmas committee

Publicity & Marketing committee, Long Range planning committee, *Swiss Days Parade*

Web page review, Scholarships

Audits, Photographer, Town Hall Lobby Olympic Display

Volunteer Recruitment Chairs, Honored Citizen committee

Honored Citizen Committee, Cannery committee

Honored Citizen Chair, Swiss Christmas Committee

Swiss Days Parade

Ice Rink Committee Chair, Swiss Christmas committee, Long Range planning
Swiss Days Booth committee, Swiss Christmas committee, Cookbook, Long Range planning

Saturday Family Night at Town Hall Chair, By-law revision Chair for Swiss Miss

Swiss Christmas Chair, Swiss Days Booth

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Midway City Boosters

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September 2, 2003

To Members of the Capital Facilities and Administrative Services Appropriations Subcommittee

As a community based organization we wanted to let you know of our appreciation for this new Wasatch County Campus of UVSC. We appreciate your recognition of this dynamic community and institution. We will work together with the rest of our community to prove ourselves worthy of your faith.

Each year our organization issues a commemorative pin for Swiss Days. This year we honored the Legacy Bridge between Heber City and Midway. We would like you to have one to remember our valley and our appreciation for the College.

We hope you will feel welcome to visit us often.

Very truly yours

Gary M. Lloyd, President
Midway City Boosters

Gary M. Lloyd, President

Midway Booster's Executive Committee and Board Assignments - Annual Calendar of Events 2003

- January --**
- a. Organize Board members into various committee assignments and confirm willingness of individuals to serve as chair or as committee members.
 - b. Speak with each of the organizational heads, including Swiss Choir, Swiss Bell Ringers, Swiss Days, to determine their willingness to continue in those positions or to consider replacements
 - c. Meet and discuss with new board members, their role, and requested assignments for the coming year.
 - d. Hold Executive and Board meetings
- February--**
- a. Encourage all committees to meet together and develop their Objective's and action plans for the year, send to the Executive committee and report to the Board in March Board Meeting
 - b. Gain board approval for new town activity called, "*Saturday Family Night at Town Hall*" series of concerts. Select chair for this activity
 - c. Hold Executive and Board meetings
- March/April**
- a. Swiss Miss -- Scheduled for April 26th upon approval by Board.
 - b. Coordinate with Swiss Days Committee on planning for Swiss Days.
 - c. Continue with attendance at city council and Chamber of Commerce meetings as well as Beautification committee meetings
 - d. Verify that Fourth of July committee has selected speaker and plan are proceeding for full program. Location, meal, chairs, etc.
 - e. Hold Executive and Board meetings
- May --**
- a. Spring Planting / park/cemetery clean-up
 - b. Hold Executive and Board meetings
- June --**
- a. Executive planning
 - b. Hold Executive and Board meetings
- July --**
- a. Fourth of July Program. - Support committee with board member support .
 - b. Hold Executive and Board meetings

August/September

- a. Swiss Days
 - Swiss Days parade
 - Swiss Miss Float
 - Heidi Puppet Show
 - Swiss Chorus Program

• Swiss Bell Ringers

- b. Fall Planting park/cemetery clean-up
- c. Hold Executive and Board meetings

October --

- a. Establish nominating committee
- b. Hold Executive and Board meetings

November --

- a. Committee to get decorations out for Christmas and repair broken ones, decorate Town Hall inside and out, including tree in Gazebo.
- b. Consider couples and individuals for three year board appointments and list of possible volunteers to the board.
- c. Elections committee consider individuals for President for 2004
- d. Through executive committee review, select next years President and suggest that he or she consider officers to serve with them.
- e. Hold Executive and Board meetings

December ---

- a. Hold Swiss Christmas activities in Town Hall under direction of selected committee -- Two day activity
- b. Annual Christmas Party - & election of officers for 2004
- c. Publish list of new officers and next year's meeting schedule

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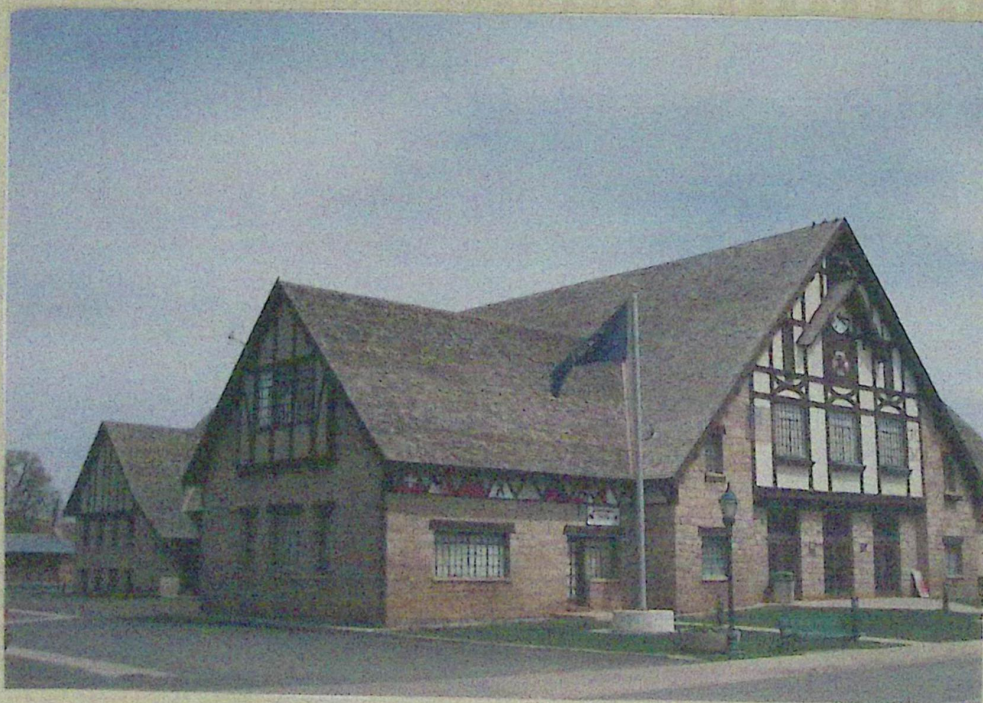
Heber Valley is blessed with many wonderful historic sites!

Town Hall

This unique structure is a large, two and one half story, local government center and recreation facility. It is located on the site of the original Fort Midway which became the central town square in the late 1860s. It was built in 1941 as part of the federal Works Progress Administration (WPA) with local labor and materials as a project to employ many who were devastated by the effects of the Depression. It served as a gymnasium, stage, post office, and town hall for many years and was a gathering place for the town's social, recreational and government activities. Today it remains a strong focal point of the community, providing

meeting space for Midway Boosters and room for the annual Swiss Days' Puppet Show, plus a venue for concerts and lectures.

The 17,000 square foot structure is unusual in its architectural style which reflects elements of the Arts and Crafts and Tudor Revival styles. These were chosen by the local builders to reflect the old English and Swiss heritage of many of Midway's first settlers. Most of the WPA projects during the time were much more Modern in style and influence. But fortunately for Midway the half-timbered facades, steeply-pitched roof line, and heavy timber trusses and window lintels were permitted, along with the exclusive use of large blocks of "pot rock" as building stones. Later remodeling included painted crests from the Swiss Cantons and in 1987 the addition of a Glockenspiel with full-sized figures and music.





This year the Midway Boosters set out to do some major work on the old cannery, which the Church of Jesus Christ sold to them about 10 years ago.



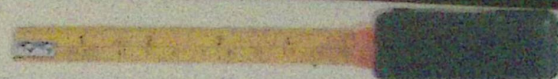
The improvements made by the Boosters this year included evicting the many unwanted house guests who had made themselves at home in the attic of the building.

Just who were those unwanted guests?
....Bats, many, many bats.



Just removing the bats wasn't enough. Crews had to clean out the hundreds of pounds of bat "leavings" and then seal the building so that the unwanted residents would not return.

Town Hall



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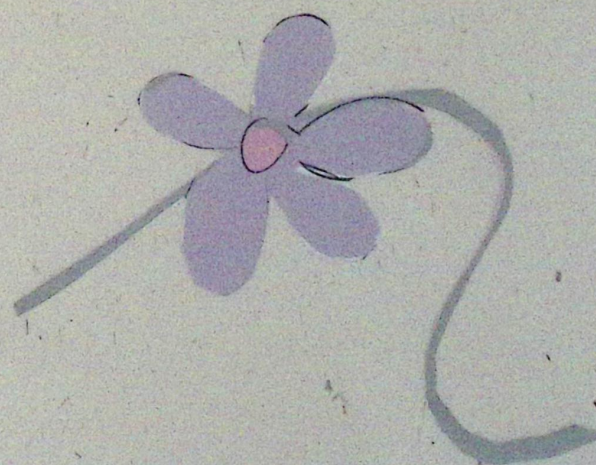
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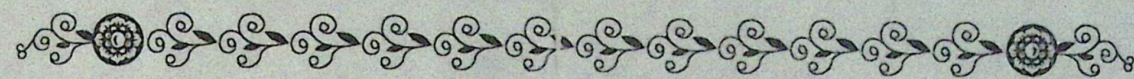
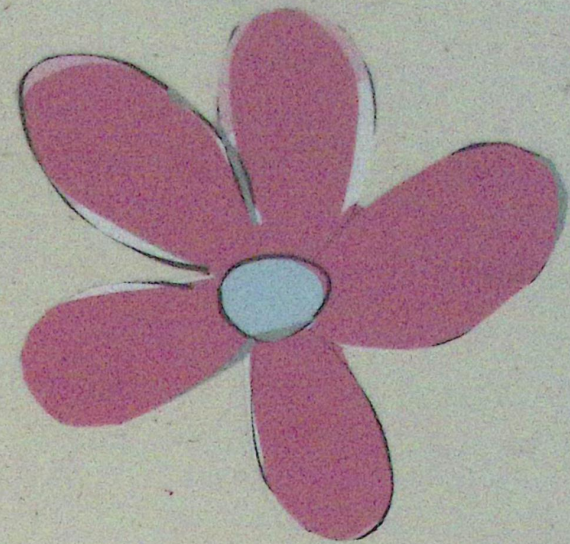


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2003
Swiss Miss
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2003 Swiss Miss Pageant

Welcome

Karl Dodge, Midway Boosters

Master of Ceremonies

Mark Allen

Presentation of 2003 Swiss Miss Contestants

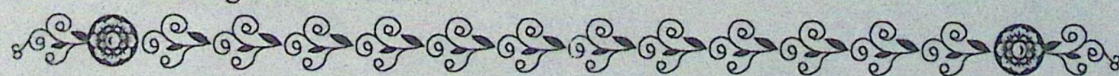
- #1 Larissa Heckel, escorted by her father Darin Heckel
- #2 Brooke Barton, escorted by her father John Barton
- #3 Crystal Gleave, escorted by her father Randy Gleave
- #4 Kelsi Bonner, escorted by her father Larry Bonner
- #5 Marianne Lloyd, escorted by her father Bryan Lloyd
- #6 Marissa Moeller, escorted by her father Gary Moeller
- #7 Rachael Kohler, escorted by her father Mike Kohler
- #8 Brianne Preece, escorted by her brother Clayton
- #9 Alexis Densley, escorted by her father Dave Densley
- #10 Jenessa Heckel, escorted by her father Darin Heckel
- #1 Saije Larsen, escorted by her father Andrew Larsen

Pageant Group Performance

"In Switzerland"

2002 Swiss Miss Royalty

"You've got a friend in me"



Pageant Talent Performances

Modeling of Swiss Costume and Question and Answer

2002 Swiss Miss Royalty Farewell Performance

Announcement of Miss Congeniality by Erica Smith

Announcement of 2003 Swiss Miss Royalty



2002 Swiss Miss Royalty

We have so enjoyed the past year, singing, dancing, laughing and representing our community. We would like to thank everyone for their generous support and especially our parents for everything they do.

Erica, Alex, Amber, Lacey, Tiffany

Swiss Miss



Brooke Barton



Crystal Gleave



Rachael Kohler



Marissa Moeller



Kelsi Bonner



Jenessa Heckel



Saije Larsen



Brianne Preece



Alexis Densley



Larissa Heckel



Marianne Lloyd

Eleven to Vie For Swiss Miss

BY TARA WALL
Wave Staff Writer

Eleven talented and lovely young ladies will be competing for the opportunity to be a part of the 2003 Swiss Miss Royalty.

Each contestant will participate in an interview, modeling of traditional Swiss dress and also showcase their individual talent. They have also been working very hard on a group song and dance which they will perform at the pageant.

The public is invited to attend this year's pageant, which will be held April 26, at 2:00 p.m., at the newly renovated Midway Town Hall.

The following contestants will be competing.

1. Jenessa is the 12 year-old daughter of Darin and Nancee Heckel. She is in the sixth grade and a straight A student at Rocky Mountain Middle School. The oldest of six children, Jenessa loves to sing and play the piano. Her hobbies include baking, dancing and she is an avid reader. Jenessa is descended from the Kohler family, one of the first families to settle in Midway.

2. Marissa Moeller is 12 years-old and the daughter of Gary and Lisa Moeller. She is energetic and theatrical. She enjoys sports especially soccer and fishing. Her hobbies include singing country music and horseback riding. She has a large family who enjoy many traditions especially playing card games.

was just four years-old. Her hobbies include soccer, basketball, volleyball, jazz dancing, drawing, playing the piano and scrap booking. Alexis would someday like to be an illustrator.

6. Crystal is the daughter of Randy and Christine Gleave and is 10 years-old. She is at the top of her class in the 4th grade at Midway Elementary. Crystal is bubbly, energetic and loves to play sports. She is one of the best softball, basketball and soccer players on her team. She also enjoys singing, dancing, horseback riding and is a member of the Mountain Valley Cloggers.

7. Brianne is the 11 year-old daughter of Brian and Natalie Preece. She is a straight A student in the fifth grade at Midway Elementary. Brianne has four sisters and two brother and enjoys traveling and boating with her family. Her hobbies include clogging, piano, ceramics and crafts. She loves living in Midway and looks forward to becoming a nurse.

8. Larissa is the 10 year-old daughter of Darin and Nancee Heckel. She is in the third grade and a straight A student. Larissa loves to sing, play the piano, draw, be outdoors and spending time with her cousins. She also enjoys collecting dolls. Larissa is descended from the Kohler family, one of the first families to settle in Midway.

3. Brooke Barton is the daughter of John Barton. She is an A student and in the seventh grade. Brooke enjoys playing the piano, the trombone and also enjoys singing. Her hobbies include playing sports, especially soccer and track, camping, waterskiing and body surfing. Brooke enjoys spending time with her friends and family.

4. Marianne Lloyd is the daughter of Brian and Patti Lloyd. She loves school and works hard get good grades. She is in the fourth grade and serves on the student council at Midway Elementary. Marianne and her family enjoy participating in the Swiss Days celebration each year. They participated in the Swiss Days parade and performed with the Swiss Bell Ringers and Swiss Children's Chorus. In her spare time, Marianne enjoys playing the piano, reading, biking, swimming and playing basketball.

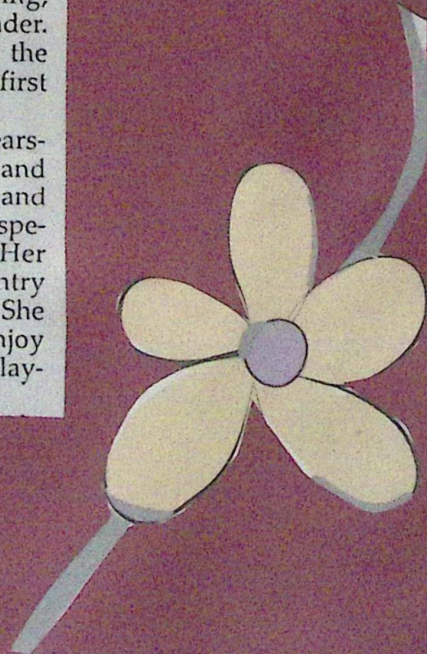
5. Alexis Densely is the daughter of Linda and Dave Densley and has lived in Midway all her life. She is proud of her Swiss heritage. Alexis has been singing with Faith's Songbirds since she

9. Kelsi is the wonderful and beloved 12 year-old daughter of Larry and Ellen Bonner. She has lived in Midway almost all of her life with her family of 9. "She is my best aunt!" adds her niece. Kelsi likes to keep active either learning or playing and loves music-both singing and playing her violin. She also enjoys competing in soccer. Kelsi is an excellent student and loves to read and find out about people and events in History. Her daily challenge is to get her parents to let her stay up and read as long as she wants.

10. Rachael is the daughter of Mike and Laurie Kohler. She is the youngest in her family-the only girl with five big brothers. Rachael has lived in Midway her entire life and loves associating with her friends and many cousins that live close by. She also enjoys playing soccer, and shooting "hoops" with her brothers. Rachael's hobbies include playing the violin, the piano, singing, sewing, baking and is certainly learning to endure the endless teasing from her brothers and dad! Rachael is the fifth generation to live on the family farm.

11. Saije is the daughter of Andrew and Cherie Larsen. "Saije is the one that keeps us laughing." She was given the nickname 'Birdie' because she is tiny and eats like a bird. Saije loves to play the piano and has participated in the Piano Festival for the past three years. She is also learning how to play the violin and drums. Saije enjoys hanging out with her friends and entertaining her little brother. She also enjoys camping, snowmobiling, swimming and drawing.

Come support these girls as they vie for the title of Swiss Miss. They will represent Midway for the coming year.





BY TARA WALL
Wave Staff Writer

Giddy smiles, laughter, hugs and a few tears greeted the announcement of the 2003-2004 Swiss Miss Royalty.

Midway Town Hall was transformed into a spring garden as the contestants danced, sang, and played the violin and piano to perfection.

Charming the judges with her vocal solo of "Somewhere over the Rainbow", 12 year-old

Jenessa Heckel will reign as this year's Swiss Miss.

Alexis Densely will serve as her first Attendant, with Marianne Lloyd, Crystal Gleave and Larissa Heckel rounding out the court as Attendants. Miss Gleave was also voted by the other contestants as Miss Congeniality.

The girls are eager and excited to begin their reign and during the next few weeks, their hardworking parents will build a float and begin planning their

activities.

These five young ladies will represent Midway at various parades, including the Provo Freedom Festival.

The Swiss Miss Royalty will also appear at many community events; Heber Fair Days, Swiss Days and Swiss Christmas.

The Pageant Committee would like to thank all the contestants for participating in this year's pageant and wish them the very best of luck in their every endeavor.

A special thanks goes to the Midway Boosters, the Swiss Days Committee and the following businesses for their generous support in sponsoring this year's pageant: Midway Copy, Inn on the Creek, Main Street Station, All that Stuff in the Barn, The Homestead, Burgermeister, Park City Jewelry and Wasatch Candy Company.

The beautiful flowers, trophies and banners were provided by Days, Brodericks Fine Jewelry and Lone Pine Images.

Swiss Miss: Ambassadors To Midway



BY NANCEE HECKLE
SWISS MISS MOM

This summer has been almost non-stop work (and fun) for the Swiss Miss Royalty and their parents. Swiss Miss Jenessa Heckel and Attendants Alexis Densley, Marianne Lloyd, Crystal Gleave, Larissa Heckel have worked hard on their song and dance talents as well as adorning the newly refurbished Swiss Miss Float.

Patti Lloyd designed the Swiss outfits for the girls; which they will be wearing as they carry out their duties this Swiss Days. A special


Thanks to Velma Evans who made the dresses.

Linda Densley's vision of a Glockenspiel became a small rendition of Midway's Town Hall for this year's Float. What looked like an overwhelming project all came together. With Earl Kohler giving the orders; help from dedicated family members and a mix of willing volunteers; the Float was ready for our first parade.....The Freedom Festival in Provo.

The Float (and our girls) were a standout in both the Provo and Bountiful (July 23rd) Parades. A favorable write-up was given in the

Deseret News regarding our Float in Bountiful and an Honorable Mention Award was earned in Provo. Thanks to Randy Gleave, Darin Heckel, and Bryan Lloyd who had the "adventure" of driving the Float the long distances to and from these Parades.

Thanks to Mindy Sims for preparing the girls for their performances. They have enjoyed performing locally and representing Midway in other communities. Special thank to all the parents and families of the Swiss Miss Royalty for a very successful year. *



Annual Traditional
4th of July
Midway Celebration

Midway Town Square

6:00 a.m.- Fife & Drum Corp
leave Memorial Hill

7:00 a.m. - Flag Raising Ceremony

Special Guest Speaker:
Congressman Jim Matheson

Winners of the Patriotic Essay Contest will speak:

Elementary: Brianne Preece

Middle School: Stefani Cohen

Jr. High: Alexia Adair

High School: Colby Dunn

Honored Citizen of the Year
Announcement

Mayor Probst Speaking

All You Can Eat Breakfast
8:00 a.m.



4th Of July Celebration

7:00 am

Midway Town Square

★ Featured Speaker: ★
U.S. Congressman
Jim Matheson

Entertainment Will Include:

- Fife & Drum Corps
- Swiss Chorus
- Veteran Tribute
- 2003 Midway Honored Citizen Announcement
- Essay Winners Announcement

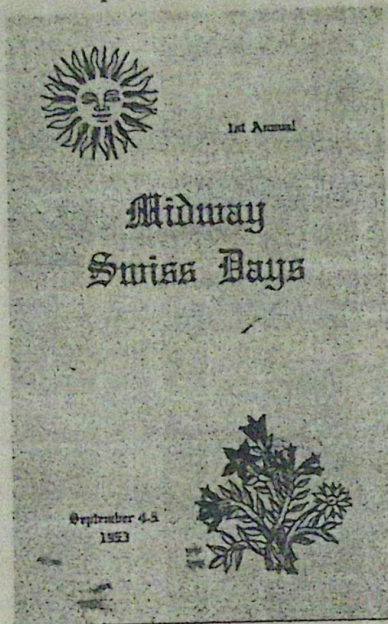


The Swiss Handbell Choir
and the Swiss Chorus
help celebrate the 4th of July

hand out the free sandwiches.

"From a small town celebration the festival grew in popularity. When things first started they built a little corral up behind the town hall where people brought their calves for the kid's rodeo. Another year they filled up the irrigation ditch on the west of the square with carp so the kids could jump right in and catch all the fish they could. Later a greased pig chase, a wild chicken chase and other activities were added to go along with the singing and drama programs.

"In 1953 Ferrin W. Whitaker, who had taken over the Schneitter Hot Pots and renamed it the Homestead Resort, suggested that the annual festival be called Swiss Days. As a former advertising executive in Chicago and Los Angeles, the new Midway business owner recommended a Swiss theme that would reflect the traditions and culture of some of Midway's early pioneers. The idea could have originated from his wife's family—the Bosses and Gertsches, who were both emigrants from the tourist centers of Interlaken and Grindlewald in Switzerland. The town's annual celebration



would have a unified theme that would be easily recognized and a real natural idea for promotion. Ferrin and his wife were big on volunteerism, too. I can remember them painting the town hall and also suggesting that the Swiss Days celebration could be a great fund raiser for civic and church projects within the community."

It is interesting to compare the printed programs for the last Midway Harvest Days celebration that was held on Saturday, August 30, 1952 with the first Midway Swiss Days celebration held on September 4-5, 1953.

The program for the last Midway Harvest Days listed Clarence Probst and Fred Haueter as the

program committee and featured ten separate musical and dramatic presentations including duets, trios, Swiss Yodelers with Alpine horn accompaniment, full orchestra (piano, violins, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and drums) and chorus selections. All of the talent was from local families directed by Clarence Probst and with Lethe Coleman Tatge acting as mistress of ceremonies.

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the earliest swiss days

The program for the "1st Annual Midway Swiss Days" begins with the cheerful greeting from the members of the committee including Scott Whitaker, Lethe Tatge, Reed Kohler and Austin Kelly, Jr. "Welcome to the first annual Midway Swiss Days. We hope that you will get the spirit of old Switzerland here in beautiful Midway, Little Switzerland of America." The two-day celebration was outlined as follows:

Friday, September 4

1:00 p.m.— Exhibits open - Swiss Market opens - Concessions open - Children's Folk Dancing.
2:00 p.m.— Pet Show - Children's Games.
4:00 p.m.— Parade - Judges: Gordon Owen, Dan Valentine.
7:00 p.m.— Ball Game - Midway Boosters vs. Dr. Mansfield's All-Stars.
8:30 p.m.— Swiss Chorus Edelweiss - Authur Fuhrer and Margrit Lohner.

Saturday, September 5

6:30 a.m.— Cannonading.
7:00 a.m.— Martial Band.
9:00 a.m.— Exhibits open - Swiss Market open - Concessions open.
10:00 a.m.— Parade.
11:00 a.m.— Band Concert.
12:00 noon— Swiss Lunch.
1:00 p.m.— Children's Folk Dancing.
1:30 p.m.— Swiss Chorus Edelweiss.

2:00 p.m.— Rodeo.

7:00 p.m.— A Festival of Music.

9:00 p.m.— Midway Harvest Ball - Mickey Paramore and her All-Girl Orchestra.

Over the years Midway's Swiss Days celebration grew exponentially. In 1993 it attracted in excess of 70,000 people over the Labor Day weekend. Residents turned the main square in town into a miniature Swiss village with craft shops and food booths. Performers entertained the crowds from a small stage. Additional concerts and events occurred in the Town Hall. Parades marched down Main Street. While sandwiches were no longer free, there were snacks ranging from traditional Swiss bratwurst to a "Swiss taco." Swiss Days combined the energy of the local Mormon church wards and the Midway Boosters.

In 2002 there were over 220 booths for food and crafts vendors and over 80,000 people attended. Non-stop entertainment was provided from the gazebo in Town Square and huge parades were held on Friday and Saturday featuring over 100 floats and marching bands. Swiss Days has truly become the West's premier food, craft, and entertainment fair.

SET UP WEEK OF SWISS DAYS 2003

MONDAY

MOVE GAZEBO INTO PLACE ON SQUARE - HAROLD REMUND AND COMMITTEE
CLEAN BBQ PIT WITH BACKHOE - HAROLD REMUND
SET UP ARMY TENT - COMMITTEE

TUESDAY

EARLY MORNING - BLEACHERS MOVED INTO PLACE - BRANDON CLUFF/COUNTY
BEGIN ELECTRICAL SET UP - LES CORBETT
BEGIN SOUND SET UP - ATKINSON SOUND/HEBER L&P
STAKE OUT SQUARE FOR VENDORS AND FOOD BOOTHS - COMMITTEE
HAUL BOOTH FRAMES AND PLACE AT SQUARE - M2ND
HAUL SHELVING AND SUPPLIES FROM CANNERY TO SQUARE - M2ND
HAUL BREAD RACKS AND EQUIPMENT FOR RELIEF SOCIETY INTO SINGLES WARD - M2ND
HAUL PICNIC TABLES FROM STPARK, KOHLER SHLTER, CHSTN SHLTER, M1ST SHLTER - M2ND/CHSTN
SET UP EATING AREA SHADE TENTS AND CONDIMENT CANOPIES - M3RD/M1ST
PUT UP SHADE OVER ENTERTAINMENT AREA - BRAD, KARL, COMMITTEE
TRASH ROLL-OFFS FOR VENDORS IN PLACE - KELLY
BARRICADES, CONES, AND EQUIPMENT FOR TRAFFIC AND PARKING DELIVERED - JASON AND GARY

WEDNESDAY

VENDOR SET UP AT 8:00 AM - VENDOR COMMITTEE
"A" COMPANY SET UP(PORT-O-POTTIES & HAND WASHING STATIONS) - BILL YOUNG
RECEIVE AND PLACE FOOD TRAILERS/ ORGANIZE FOOD INSIDE - KELLY/STEVE
SET UP STAGE AT GAZEBO FOR ENTERTAINMENT - COMMITTEE
HAUL TRASH CANS FROM CANNERY AND PLACE AT SQUARE - CHARLESTON YOUNG MEN
INSTALL BOOTH COVERS, INSTALL SIGNS AND SHELVING - M4TH/M5TH
PORTABLE TOILETS HAULED IN - BILL YOUNG
HAND WASHING STATIONS SET UP - BILL YOUNG
SET UP FOR PARKING, BARRICADES AND CONES - JASON AND GARY
START CHECKING/CLEANING RESTROOMS - M2ND
START CHECKING/HAULING TRASH - CHARLESTON
POWERWASH PICNIC TABLES AT EATING AREA TENTS - W1ST
MOVE EQUIPMENT FOR CAROLEE/ VICKIE FROM CANNERY TO EQUIPMENT BOOTH - DEER CREEK
HAUL PAPER GOODS AND PLACE UNDER FOOD TRAILERS - DEER CREEK

THURSDAY

RECEIVE AND PLACE DRINK TRAILER - KELLY, STEVE, AND KEITH
ARRANGE/DISTRIBUTE FOOD IN TRAILERS TO BOOTHS - KELLY/STEVE
HAUL SAUERKRAUT FROM CANNERY TO TRAILERS - SINGLES
ALL BOOTH MANAGERS PRESENT TO MAKE SUE EVERYTHING IS READY FOR FRIDAY MORNING AND
RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS. COKE REPS. PRESENT TO INSTRUCT BOOTH MANAGERS AND VERIFY SETUP -
BOOTH MANAGERS/COKE REPS/QUALITY CONTROL/GRILLS.
9:00PM - GET TOGETHER IN CITY OFFICE - ENTIRE SWISS DAYS COMMITTEE

MONDAY MORNING 7:00AM TOWN SQUARE CLEAN UP AND STORAGE AT CANNERY.
FOOD AUCTION AT FOOD TRAILERS AFTER CLEAN UP.



From The Midway Boosters

Swiss Days: August Main Attraction

BY: GARY M. LLOYD, PRESIDENT

MIDWAY BOOSTER CLUB

"Supported by a rich heritage, members of our community know what helping each other is all about. Swiss Days' volunteers provide an opportunity for an event that would not be attempted by most communities around this nation. We are grateful for such talented and committed neighbors in Midway."

Andy Pierce, Swiss Days Committee Chair

Swiss Days this year will feature a number of changes, including the realignment of all of the booths at Town Square. This was done to accommodate our brand new ice rink, which was completed this month. The select committee for Swiss Days is again headed by Andy Peirce, and you can expect a bigger and better event than on any previous Swiss Days. Andy spoke about the real purpose of Swiss Days when he said, "Supported by a rich heritage, members of our community know what helping each other is all about. Swiss Days' volunteers provide an opportunity for an event that would not be attempted by most communities around this nation. We are grateful for such talented and committed neighbors in Midway."

Our entertainment committee, headed by Lyle & Nola Gertsch, is planning two days of spectacular talent for the folks that join us at Town Square. The 10K Run will be directed by Gary Peirce, and our annual Swiss Days parade us under the direction of Wade Kelson and his committee.



Over 60 volunteers have been planning this activity for about 11 months and another 400 volunteers will work two long days on August 29th and 30th to assure that our Swiss Days activities move forward as planned. Five young ladies were selected earlier this year as the Swiss Miss royalty, and their culminating activity will be in the Swiss Days parade. Special thanks go to those parents who have worked so hard in preparing the float and arranging for the royalty appearance in various parades during the past few months.

Booster Booth: As you attend Swiss Days activities, drop by our Midway Boosters booth to purchase some great items prepared especially for this event. Just a few of the items that will be at the booth include our new Mountain Berry jam and a special pin with the Legacy Bridge that will be a collectors pin for years to come.

This year we again expect between 75,000 to 80,000 people to attend. Get there early to assure that you can stop by and see our 200 booth owners, who will display home-crafted items for the enjoyment and purchase of

those who attend.

Projects supported by Boosters: In a joint project with the Midway City Council, the Boosters invested the majority of their budget in two noteworthy projects. The first project was an ongoing remodeling of Town Hall. This year the rest of the interior was completed with new sound absorbent panels. The lobby was refurbished, and a new Olympic glass display case will display part of our great collection of the Olympic items obtained as we hosted the largest venue in the Olympics at Soldier Hollow. Over \$20,000 was contributed for the Town Hall project. Warren Denter of the Boosters spearheaded this project with the support of city councilman Harold Remund. The second project was to refurbish the outside of the Social Hall and to rid the building of bats that have occupied the rafters of the building for over 40 years. Project cost for this work was \$16,000.

July 4th patriotic activities were completed with a host of volunteers, headed by Karl and Gunda Lee Dodge. Congressman Jim Matheson and Mayor Bill

Probst spoke, as did four youth speakers who spoke on the importance of our heritage and freedom.

Each year the Booster organization selects an individual or individuals who have made distinguished contributions to Midway. Earl Kohler was presented as Midway's honored citizen for the year 2003.

The event was followed by a breakfast for over 300 people who attended the 7:00 a.m. early morning activity.

Volunteerism: As noted above, the Boosters are and have been engaged in a large variety of activities so far this year to enhance our great community. We would welcome your activity with the Boosters and would invite you to call any member or officer of the Boosters. Send us your email address to glloyd@shadowlink.net or call me at 657-1146. Let us know what area you would have interest in participating with the Booster Board.

Thank you for your support of the Midway Boosters and for being apart of this great community *



SWISS CHORUS & SWISS HAND BELL RINGERS
present

The Music of Swiss Days

PROGRAM

Swiss Miss Royalty

**Kerry Christiansen
Swiss Hand Bells

Swiss Chorus

Swiss Miss –

Swiss Hand Bells

Swiss Songbirds
Swiss Hand Bells

Swiss Chorus

Bells & Chorus

Meet Me in Midway City
Over the Rainbow
Special Musical Number
A German Music Box
Glockenchorspass
The Yodler's Carol
Stomp Your Foot
Wonderful Copenhagen
Ching a Ring Chaw
Crocodile Rock
Wooden Shoes
Someday, I'll be Miss America
Alpine Polka
Lonely Goatherd
Shenandoah
Colors of the Wind
My Favorite Things
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
The Angelus II
Mountain Dance
Marienwurmchen (Ladybug)
McKenna Kummer - Ladybug
Wo Berge Sicherheben
The Happy Wanderer
Edelweiss

All the girls
Jenessa Heckel
Master Yodler
German Folk Song
Sharon Elliot Cheek
Austrian Folk Tune
Aaron Copland
Frank Loesser
Linda Spevacek
Alexis Densley
Crystal Gleave
Larissa Heckel
Marianne Lloyd
Rodgers/Hammerstein
Trad. American Folk
Alan Menken
Rodgers/Hammerstein
Samuel A. Ward
Charles Gounod
Roger Emerson
Mary Goetze

Traditional

Rodgers/Hammerstein

** Saturday performance only

Special thanks to Larry Elliott and his assistants for lighting and sound. Wasatch H.S. for equipment use.

Thursday, August 28
7:00 P.M.

Friday, August 29
7:30 P.M.
Midway Town Hall, 2003

Saturday, August 30
2:00 P.M.



What a concert!

Swiss Chorus Info:

A musical tradition for more than 56 years, the Midway Swiss Chorus continues to sing for various Heber Valley functions throughout the seasons. The 2003 Chorus is under the direction of Michael Siggard, who has been directing the chorus for the past three years. Michael is instrumental music director at Wasatch high school, moving to Midway in 2000. The Swiss Chorus is accompanied by Marilyn Larsen, with assistant accompanist, Stephanie Houtz. Barbara Bonner is their assistant. Members of the chorus include:

Sopranos – Judy Milliner, Gunda Lee Dodge, Tinalouise Smith, Sharleene Wilson, Druann Lacey, Valene Jensen

Altos – Beth Wegner, Cari Knapp, Sally Siggard, Faith Johnson, Cianne Davey

Tenors – Martin Chatterley, Kim Loertscher, Dan Sluga,

Bass – Bob Mathis, Karl Dodge, Craig Lacey, Ray Rasband, Bob Grant.

Officers: Martin Chatterley – President, Valene Jensen – Costumes
Beth Wegner – Librarian

Swiss Handbells Info:

The Handbells have been a long-standing tradition with Midway's Swiss Days, and have delighted audiences in various concert settings, including a performance with Kurt Bestor in Abravenal Hall. The handbells are led by Sarah Chatterley who is directing for her second year. This years handbell ringers include Laura Martin, Sharleene Wilson, Lisa Moeller, Sally Siggard, Diana Witt, June Tatton, Beth Wegner, Cari Knapp, Martin Chatterley, Steven Siggard, Michelle Chatterley, and Kevin Siggard.

Swiss Miss Info:

Jenessa Heckel – Swiss Miss
Alexis Densley – 1st Attendant
Crystal Gleave – Attendant
Larissa Heckel – Attendant
Marianne Lloyd – Attendant

Program and Choreography by Mendy Sims.

The girls are ages 10 – 12. The girls have ridden in the Freedom Festival parade (Provo), Heritage Days (Bountiful), Wasatch county fair days parade (Heber City), and performed at Fair Days, and 24th celebration in Charleston. They have been on Fox news on the 4th of July.

Swiss Miss started early in Swiss Days celebration in 1955. This was for older girls, but this was changed in 1981 to feature the younger girls.

Swiss Songbirds

All are Hummingbirds from the group, Faith's Songbirds. They include Rachael Wetterlin, McKay Riddle, and McKenna Kummer. These girls have been performing for over 6 years, and McKenna recently won 1st place of the Beginner Division at the Wasatch Farm Bureau Talent Find.

Special Thanks

Kerry Christiansen- for his many memorable performances at Swiss Days present and past.

Midway Booster Board

President –	Gary Lloyd
Vice President –	Randon Wilson
Vice President –	Millie Medby
Treasurer-	Garth Rasband
Secretary -	Mendy Sims



8:00 **MARKET OPENS**Town Square
 8:30 *Swiss Miss Royalty*Swiss Miss & Attendants
 9:00 *Alvah Kohler*Tenor
 9:45 *Salzburger Echo*Alpine Band
 10:30 *James Oneil Miner*Concert Pianist
 11:15 *Round Valley Riders*Western Music Group
 12:00 *Salzburger Echo*Alpine Band
 12:45 *Kerry Christensen*Concert Pianist
 1:30 *Rich Mavin*Banjo Player
 2:15 *Salzburger Echo*Alpine Band
 3:00 *Kerry Christensen*Master Yodeler
 3:45 *Rich Mavin*Banjo Player
 4:30 *Sorensen Family*Family Entertainers
 5:15 *Kerry Christensen*Master Yodeler
 6:00 *James Oneil Miner*Concert Pianist
 6:45 *Center Stage Performing Arts*
 7:30 *Swiss Chorus and Bell Ringers*
 8:00 **PARADE**Main Street

InformationMidwaySwissDays.com
 trailrun.comCity Park, Center Street, 1st North

7:00 **CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST***Town Square
 7:00 **10K RUN***City Park - Center St, 1st North
 8:00 **MARKET OPENS**Town Square
 8:30 *Swiss Miss Royalty*Swiss Miss & Attendants
 9:00 *Rich Mavin*Banjo Player
 9:45 *Alvah Kohler*Tenor
 10:00 **PARADE**Main Street
 10:45 *Letter Carriers Band*Howard Gray, Director
 12:00 *Kerry Christensen*Master Yodeler
 12:45 *Swiss Chorus*Sampler
 1:15 *James Oneil Miner*Concert Pianist
 2:00 *Round Valley Riders*Western Music Group
 2:45 *Kerry Christensen*Master Yodeler
 3:30 *James Oneil Miner*Concert Pianist
 4:00 **BARBECUE DINNER***Town Square
 4:15 *Mountain Fever*
 5:00 *Kerry Christensen*Master Yodeler

*Breakfast..... \$5.00 Adults - \$4.00 Children under 12

*Barbecue Dinner..... \$8.00 Adults - \$7.00 Children under 12

*10K Run, Pre-Register before August 23 - Gary Peirce, 654-2762
 Pre-entry \$16 • Entry Fee \$20 • Start Time 8:00 a.m.

TOWN HALL ENTERTAINMENT 2003

Friday, August 29

- 10:00 *Swiss Miss* Swiss Miss Attendants
Children's Chorus Lisa Mueller
The Legend of William Tell Tara Wall, Director
Faith's Songbirds Children's Singing Group
- 3:00 *Swiss Miss* Swiss Miss Attendants
Children's Chorus Lisa Mueller
The Legend of William Tell Tara Wall, Director
Faith's Songbirds Children's Singing Group
- 3:00 *Heidi Puppet Show* Upstairs in the Town Hall
- 4:00 *Heidi Puppet Show* Upstairs in the Town Hall
- 7:30 *THE MUSIC OF SWISS DAYS** Michael Siggard, Director
 (Swiss Chorus, Swiss Handbell Ringers & Special Guests)
- 9:30 *Teen Dance* Town Hall

Saturday, August 30

- 11:00 *Heidi Puppet Show*
 (Upstairs in the Town Hall)
- 2:00 *THE MUSIC OF SWISS DAYS* Michael Siggard, Director
 (Swiss Chorus, Swiss Handbell Ringers & Special Guests)
- 4:00 *Swiss Miss* Swiss Miss Attendants
Children's Chorus Lisa Mueller
The Legend of William Tell Tara Wall, Director
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*Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Hawthorn Camp Museum & the Sons of the Utah Pioneers
 -West entry of the Town Hall-*

*"THE MUSIC OF SWISS DAYS"

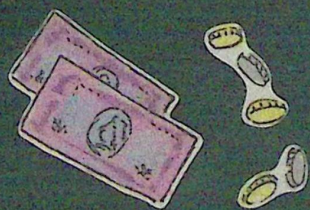
*Presented by Swiss Chorus, Swiss Handbell Ringers, and Special Guests
 Thursday, 7:00 p.m. (preview) - Friday 7:30 p.m. & Saturday 2:00 p.m. - Town Hall*

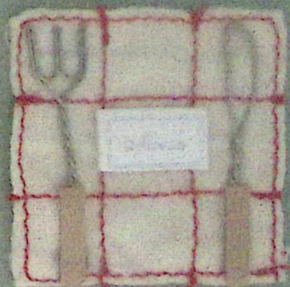
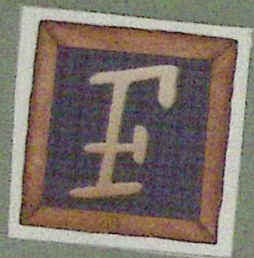
*Watch for Shuttle Pick-up (100 N. 100 W.) and Package Drop-off at the Town Square Church
 Midway City Ordinance: "No Pets Allowed on Town Square"*





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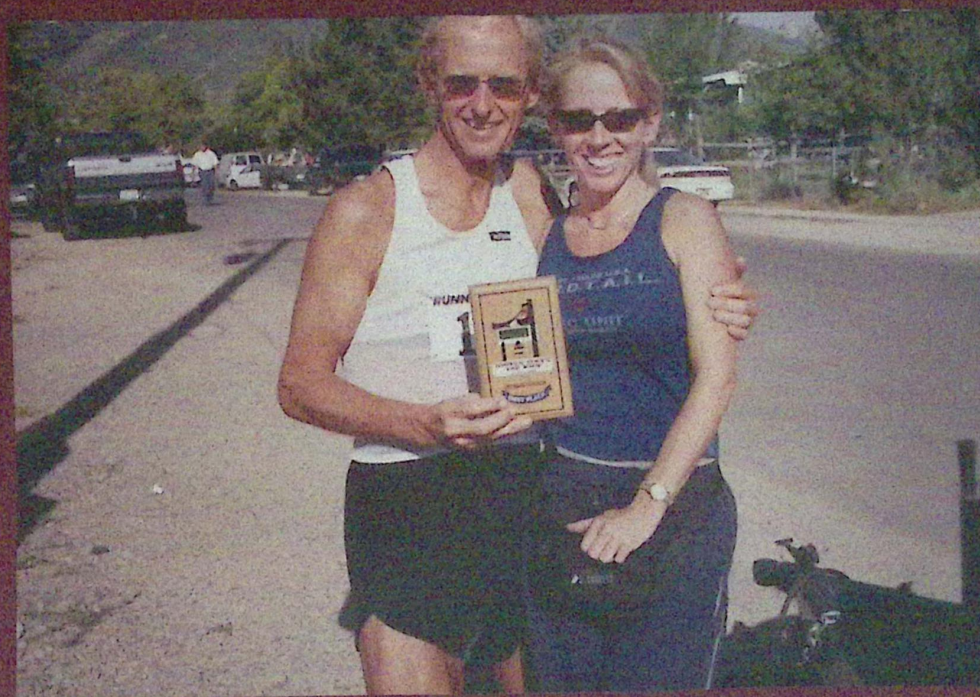




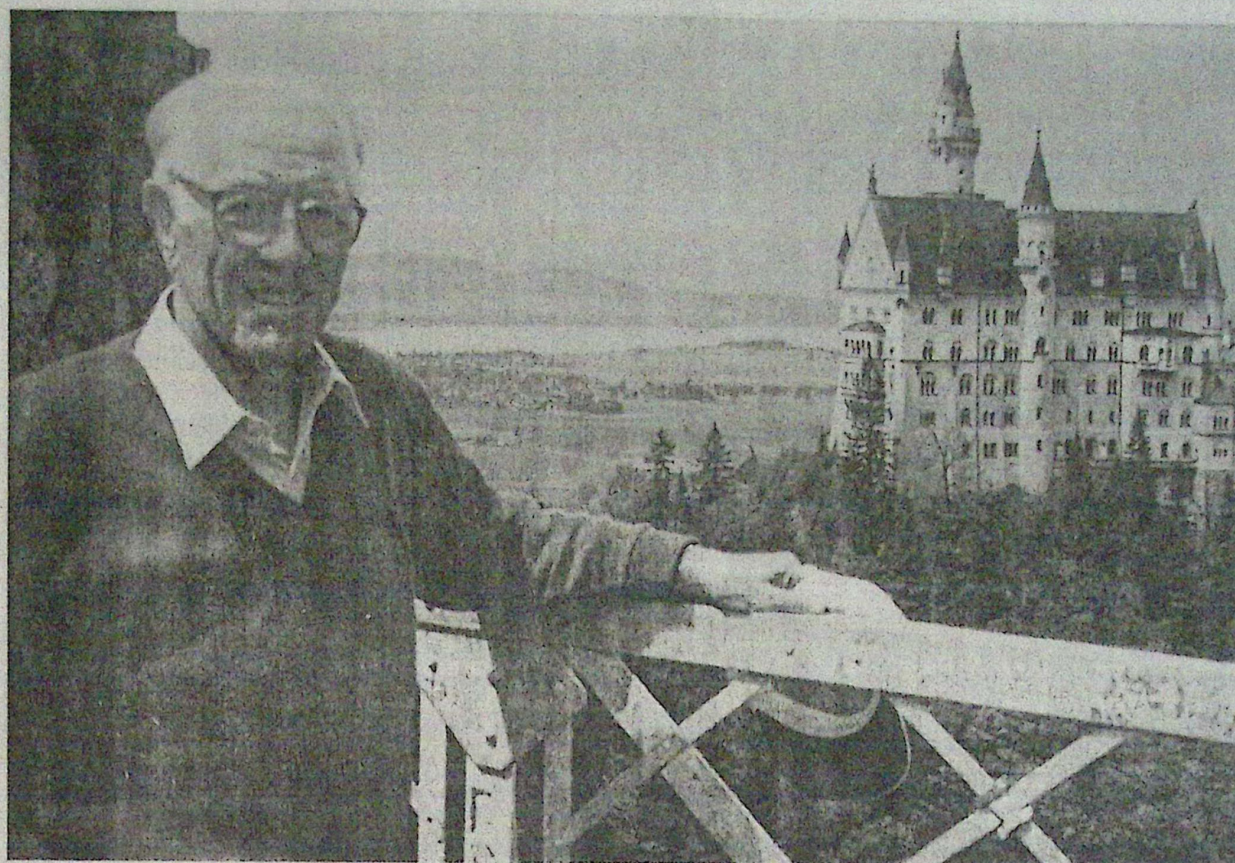


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Midway's Honored Citizen:



Earl Kohler

Earl J. Kohler was born August 9, 1916, to Fred and Lucetta Clegg Kohler, in Midway, UT. He grew up in Midway and obtained his schooling in Midway and Heber, graduating from Wasatch High School in 1934. He also attended Utah State Agricultural College (now Utah State University) from 1934 to 1937.

Earl married Marie Fraughton from Heber on August 28, 1938. Shortly after their marriage they built a home in Midway. They are the parents of three children.

Earl and Marie have 15 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren. They were also privileged to help rear two nieces, Paula and Jill Cushing.

Earl's beloved Marie passed away in 1990. She was a loving and dedicated homemaker and mother.

Earl was a businessman when there weren't many. He owned and managed his own construction company from 1946 to 1966. He did both residential and com-

mercial construction, mostly in Summit and Wasatch counties. Earl took great pride in being a craftsman. Some of his projects that remain as a testament to his craftsmanship include the original Midway 1st and 2nd wards, Charleston and Daniels chapels, the Homestead Resort, and Midway Town Hall.

In 1950, Earl was elected to the Midway Town Council and was appointed Town President in 1952. He subsequently served three additional terms as Town President (Mayor) until 1966. During his term as Midway's "Mayor" he actively pursued a progressive agenda for the Town. Growth in Midway under his leadership included:

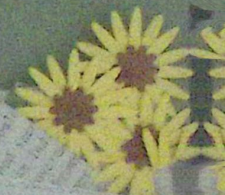
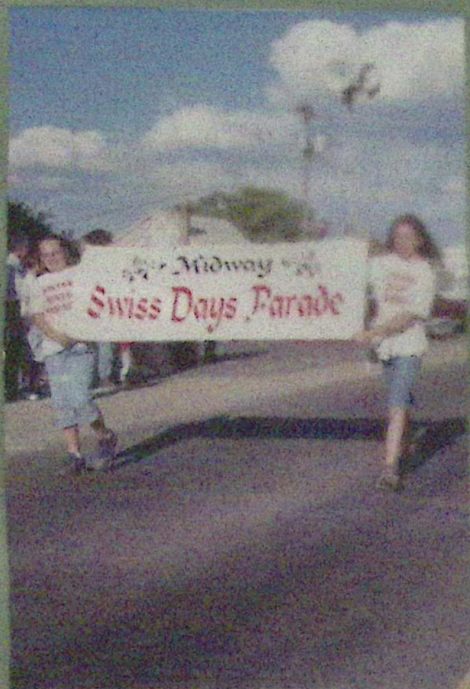
- Completed Midway Town Hall, started as a WPA project in the 1930's
- Upgraded the Midway water system
- Natural Gas was installed
- First street signs were installed *

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*Town Hall gets dressed
up for Christmas*





Swiss Miss Royalty:

The 2003 Swiss Miss Royalty pictured above from left to right:

Miss Crystal Gleave, Miss Alexis Densley, Miss Jenessa Heckel, Miss Marianne Lloyd, Miss Larissa Heckel

Miss Jenessa Heckel, this years Swiss Miss is the daughter of Darin and Nancee Heckel. Jenessa is 12 years old. At Rocky Mountain Middle School she will be in the 7th grade and a straight A student. The oldest of six children, Jenessa loves to play the piano and sing. Her hobbies include baking, dancing and reading. She is a descendant of the Kohler family, one of the first families to settle in Midway.

Miss Alexis Densley, first Attendant, is the daughter of Linda and Dave Densley. She has lived in Midway all her life. She is proud of her Swiss heritage. Alexis has been singing with Faith's Songbirds since she was four years old. Her hobbies include soccer, basketball, volleyball, jazz dancing, drawing, playing the piano and scrap booking. Alexis would someday like to be an illustrator.

Miss Marianne Lloyd, is the daughter of Bryan and Patti Lloyd. She loves school and excels academically at Midway Elementary. She has served on the Student Council and will be entering the 5th grade this fall. Marianne and her family enjoy participating in the Swiss Days celebration each year. In her spare time, Marianne loves playing the piano, and singing with the Swiss Miss Royalty. She is an avid reader, loves biking, swimming, water sports and skiing.

Miss Crystal Gleave, is the daughter of Randy and Christine Gleave. She has loved Midway from the time she could barely walk. Now, years later, she is a top student at Midway Elementary. Crystal is bubbly, energetic, and loves to play sports. She loves to sing and dance and studies with the

Mountain Valley Cloggers. She has also studied piano and likes to ride horses and bake cookies.

Miss Larissa Heckel, is the sister to Jenessa (Swiss Miss) and the daughter of Darin and Nancee Heckel. She is ten years old and will be in the 4th grade and is looking forward to school starting. Larissa loves to sing, play the piano, draw, play outdoors and spend time with her cousins. She also enjoys collecting dolls. Larissa is also a descendant from the Kohler Family, one of the first families to settle in beautiful Midway.

For the first time ever we have two sisters in the Swiss Miss Royalty. All the girls have enjoyed rehearsing their routines for this years rein. They love greeting people wherever they go. They look forward to the Swiss Days Celebration.

We would like to give a special thanks to: Midway Boosters & Gary Lloyd, Swiss Days Committee & Andy Peirce, George Olson (Architect) float design & Howard Wilson at Modern Display, Earl Kohler (float construction), Alvah Kohler, Lila Mae Johnson, Allan Cluff, Jim Simons, Evan Beal, Home Depot of Park City, Britt Mathwich & The Homestead, Lisa Christen & Blue Boar Inn, Tate McCotter & Inn on The Creek, Daniel Summit, Genulies, Mindy Sims & Show Biz Inc (Program), Velma Evans (Swiss Costumes), Pam Flynn & Timpanogos Treasures Wall Art, Will Mahoney, Terry Mair & Mair Photography. Simon Morales, Phyllis Kohler, Grant & Caralee Kohler. *

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The Heber Valley Train Depot. Left: Midway's Swiss Miss sang carols at the ice rink opening ceremonies.

Christmas - in the - WASATCH MOUNTAINS

BY TISH DAHMEN
Wave Editor

Christmas in the Wasatch Mountains officially began last weekend with four spectacular events: Cottages for the Children, the Interfaith Creche Exhibit, Swiss Christmas, and the long awaited opening of the Midway Ice Rink.

Each event was well attended. As

usual, the numbers of people turning out to view the more than 600 nativity scenes representing more than 70 countries were extraordinary. The Interfaith Creche Exhibit attracted more than 8,500 people over a four day period.

Swiss Christmas, held in the Midway Town Hall, also showed good numbers.

Across the parking lot at the Family History Center, Cottages for the Children, a silent auction of gingerbread houses which proceeds support the Wasatch-Summit County Children's Justice Center, boasted of a constant flow of traffic. "We probably had the best crowd in the three

years we've held the event," said Laurie Wynn, vice chair of the Friends of Wasatch-Summit County Children's Justice Center Board of Directors. "Our participation continues to increase. However, our bids were down. We are happy to report the event raised \$9000 for the center this year. We had three very generous donors this year that pushed our numbers up."

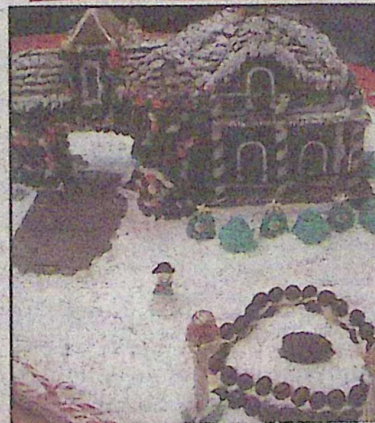
Wynn said Peirce Cabinets, a Midway business, purchased 25 gingerbread houses for a total of \$525. To that amount, they added \$475 as a donation. The houses were distributed by a scout group to the Rocky Mountain Care Center and Beehive Homes, a local elderly living facility.

Ribbon winners, such as Tonia Webb's W.W. Clyde home and the Cat in the Hat house by Karen McDonald, brought in top dollars for the center. Entries bringing in over \$100 were Zions Bank, the Bassett Ranch, Jim Webster Family, Wasatch Co. inmates' castle, Judy Fishler's adobe chappel and Wild Oats Market.

Wynn said the new location in the Family History Center worked out perfectly for the event.



Above: Day's Market's Gingerbread Mountain Resort. Right:

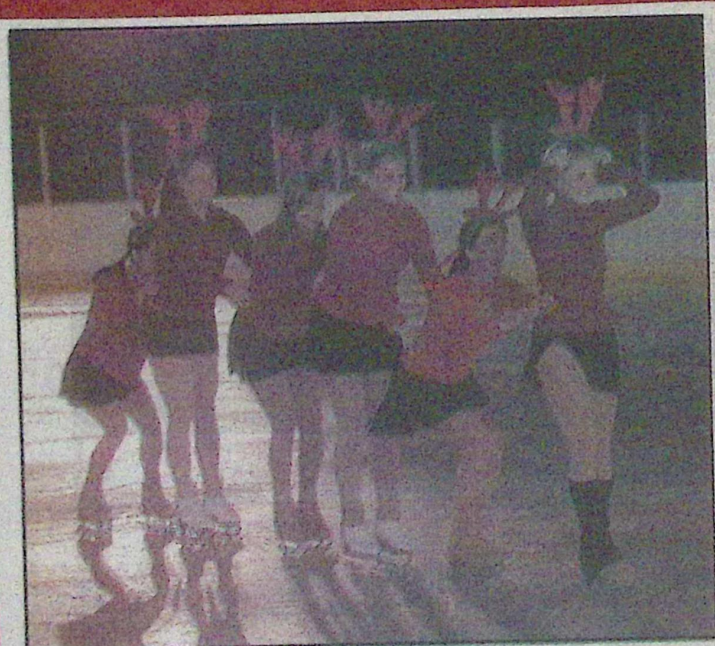


Left: Inn on the Creek's entry to the gingerbread festival. They brought home an Honorable Mention award. Above: one of the many booths at Swiss Christmas. Right: The People's Choice Award was given to the Wasatch County inmates for their spectacular castle.





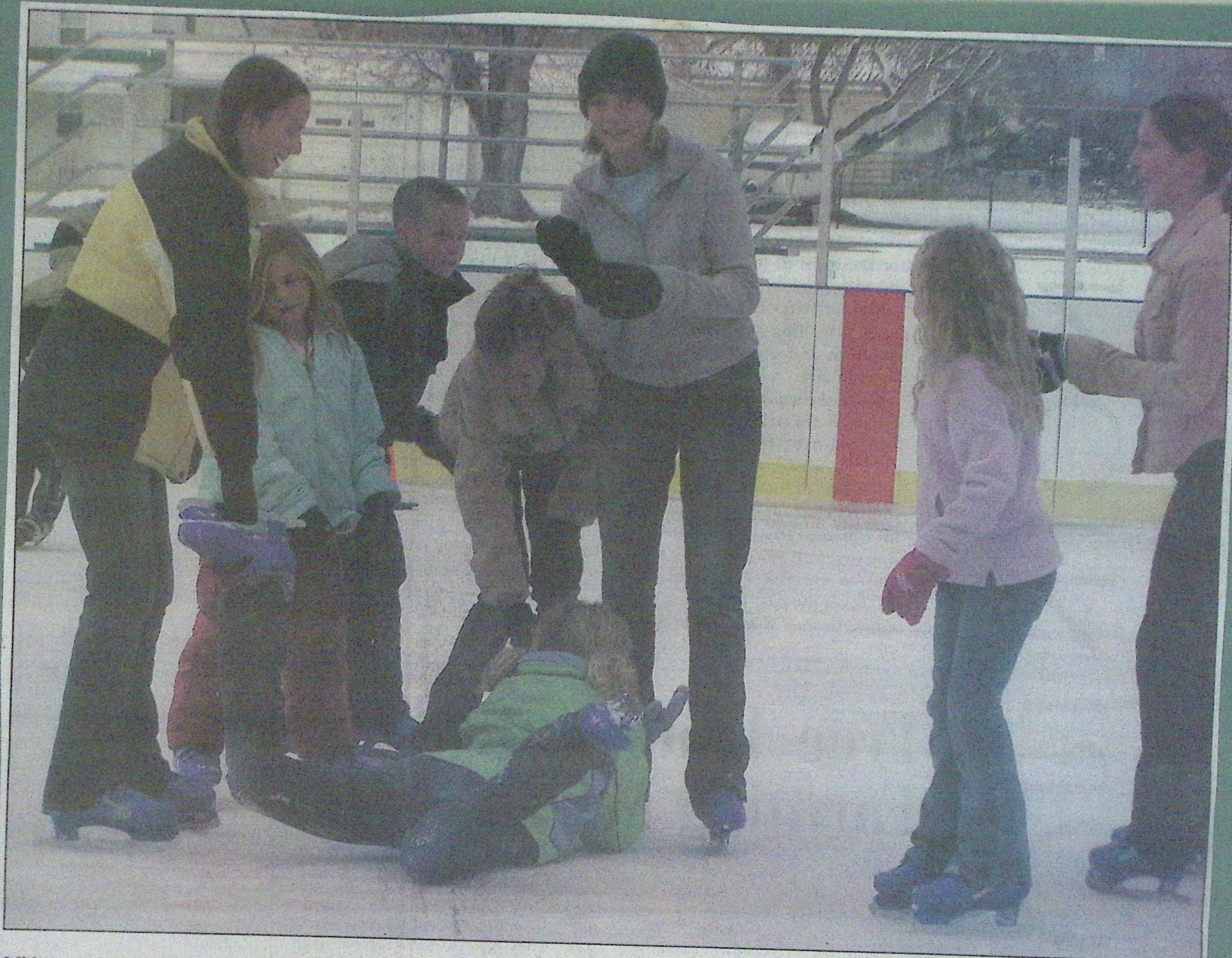
Left: Best of Show honors went to Karen McDonald's Cat in the Hat themed house. Below: Tonia Webb's annual creation. This house is patterned after the Clyde Home in Midway. Below middle: A replica of the Hatch home was created by Zion's Bank.



Above left: "Reindeer" entertain the crowd of more than 100 at the ice rink. A potter's water jug is displayed from Mexico.

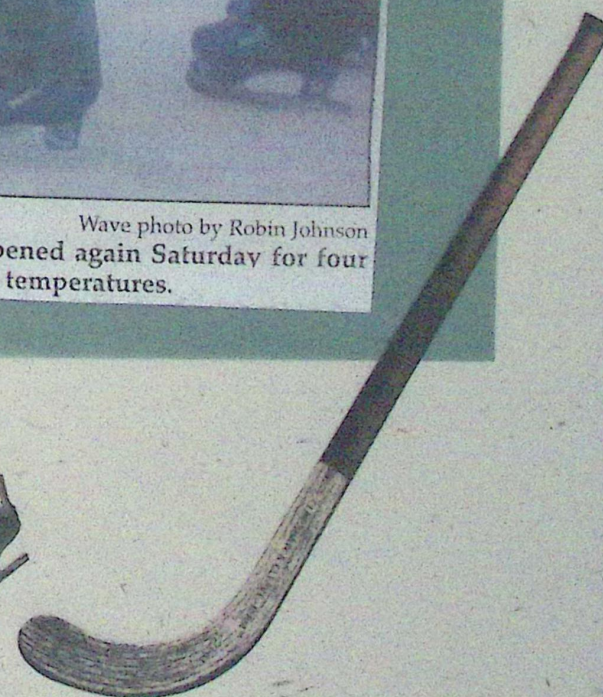


Channel 4 news anchor and former Midway resident, Barbara Arnold Smith, cuts the ribbon at the Midway ice rink's grand opening Friday evening.



Midway provided this Thanksgiving holiday with a new attraction. The Midway Ice Rink opened Friday to skaters. It opened again Saturday for four hours. Because the refrigeration unit isn't in operation yet, the natural ice was affected by Saturday and Sunday's warmer temperatures.

Wave photo by Robin Johnson





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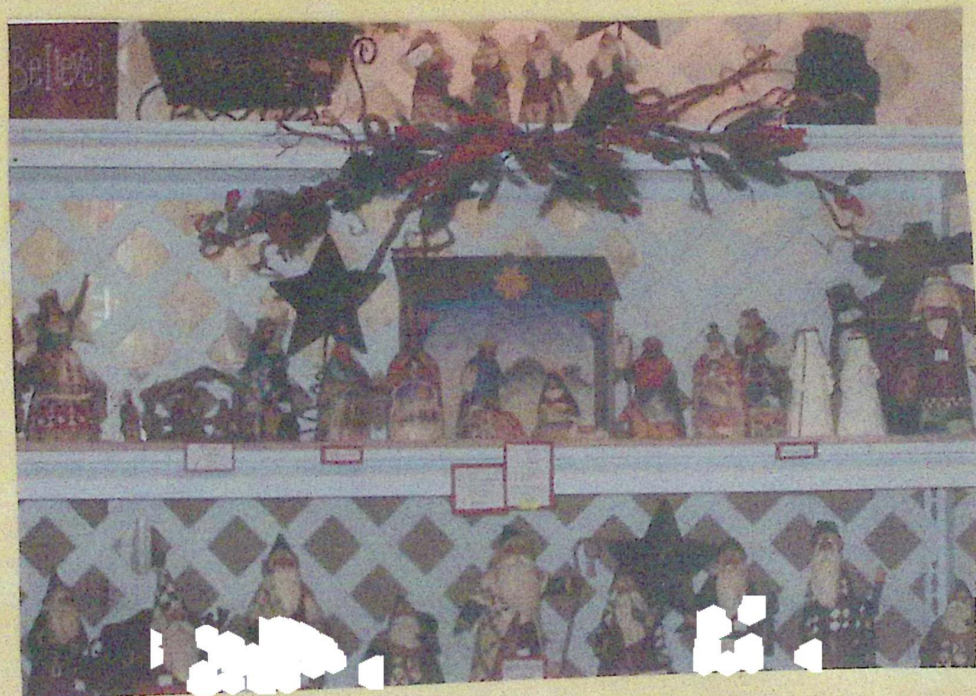
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CONCERT REVIEW

Christmas with Bestor — it just can't get any better

By Carma Wadley
Deseret Morning News

KURT BESTOR, Abravanel Hall, Friday; additional performances through Wednesday (355-2787).

It was a night filled with peace and joy — filled with ringing bells and angelic voices, with good will and good humor — and above all, with music that stirred the senses and touched the heart.

This is the 15th year for Kurt Bestor's annual holiday concert, and no one does Christmas better. From the magical, starry stage setting to the featured musicians and orchestra, from the invited guests and Bestor's own playing, conducting and emceeing the show, to the arrangements that add such texture and layers to Christmas songs, Friday's opening-night concert was a delight from start to finish.

The show featured popular numbers from past years: "Let It Snow" (complete with falling white stuff), "O Holy Night" (with its exquisite flugelhorn) and, of course, "Twas The Night Before Christmas" (with a narrator invited from the audience, who always seems to be perfect for the job — and this year with a special surprise ending).

There were also new numbers, including a beautiful tell-

ing of the real Christmas story, with narration from Luke 2, and such carols as "First Noel," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Away in the Manger" and "We Three Kings," woven into a seamless, spiritual medley.

A musical tour of Christmas around the world not only shared traditions and common bonds, it highlighted the exceptional talents of musicians Daron Bradford (woodwind specialist on a Celtic "Star Carol"), guitarist Michael Dowdle (on the French "Bring a Torch") and the percussion section (on a lively Calypso "O Tannenbaum").

Special guest Liel Kolet, a 14-year-old singer from Tel Aviv, wowed the audience with her performances on the African style "Sage of Lamberene"/"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and an Israeli "Jerusalem: City of God." Kolet sang with both power and passion that belied her young years.

The Swiss Handbell Ringers, from Midway, also brought sparkle and excitement to such songs as "Carol of the Bells" and "March of the Wooden Soldiers." The International Children's Choir, singing from the balcony, added an ethereal touch to a number of carols, including "Joy to the World."

Bestor's own carol — it has become traditional to write a new one each year — focused on a desire for peace around the world. And that desire was



Kurt Bestor

repeated in the elegant "Silent Night/Ode to Joy" medley that provided an uplifting finish to the show.

All that remained was Bestor's moving, motivating encore, "Prayer of the Children," and the joyful and triumphant night was complete.

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Bestor's concert surprises stir Christmas spirit

By ROBERT COLEMAN
Special to The Tribune

Hand bells slowly ringing the familiar melody Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" interrupted lingering tones of "Silent Night." The poignant segue underscored Kurt Bestor's Christmas wish — peace and harmony for a troubled world. Friday's concert in Abravanel Hall featured Bestor's popular New Age renditions of traditional holiday favorites, special guests and a few surprises.

European singing sensation Liel Kolet added remarkable voice to the program. The 14-year-old traveled from Tel Aviv for the occasion, singing in Hebrew and English, she demonstrated vocal depth and range well beyond her years.

Midway's Swiss Handbell Ringers, conducted by Britt Wilde, and Kathy Sorensen's International Children's Choir also performed.

The 15th annual event has developed certain traditions. Each year, Bestor writes and performs a new carol, which is made available to the audience.

This year's offering was a lullaby titled "The Peace Carol."

A unique arrangement of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" is another tradition — this time involving a clever twist to his usual performance.

A new tradition began as Bestor narrated the biblical story of Christmas while playing and conducting a medley of his famous carol arrangements.

Thousands of twinkling stars surrounded the stage and mounds of powdery snow decorated the orchestra area, adding to the ambience. Wintry images projected on a snowflake-shaped screen rotated at times for a kaleidoscopic effect.

A few opening-night problems with lighting miscues and feedback squeals caused some

distraction.

Citing a church soprano's "hair-parting" version of "O Holy Night" as motivation, Bestor countered playing a blues version of the carol on flugelhorn. His captivating performance was a concert highlight.

A section of the concert called "Around the World—Christmas Style" highlighted the orchestra's eclectic mix of acoustic and electronic instruments.

Daron Bradford performed on Irish flute and penny whistle, giving a Gallic slant to "The Star Carol." Ethnic percussion added lively rhythm to a Caribbean version of "O Christmas Tree" and guitarist Michael Dowdle made simple phrases memorable with "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella."

Bestor and the children's choir capped the concert with "The Prayer of the Children," pronouncing their blessing and hope for a more peaceful world.



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The history and meaning of Creche:

A **Creche** is an artistic representation of the birth of Jesus and is the word used most commonly in all languages the manger scene. Whether called the French *creche*, the Italian *presepio*, the Spanish *nacimiento*, the German *krippe*, the Irish *manger*, or the British *crib*; the re-creation of the nativity scene is one of the oldest and most beloved Christmas traditions.

For the first 300 years of Christianity there was no Christmas holiday. Devotion to the infancy of Jesus was relatively unknown in the early church. Emphasis had been on Jesus' crucifixion and the resurrection. The depiction and celebration of Christ's birth began in the 4th century about 350 A.D.

Most of what we know about the birth of Christ comes from four chapters in the Bible: *Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 1 & 2*. They describe the infant, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, and wise men. The two New Testament accounts are brief. Information and traditions (such as the belief that Mary rode a donkey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and the names of the three Wise Men) have been supplied by historians through the ages.

How tradition of displaying nativity scenes began. St. Francis of Assisi is credited with popularizing the *crèche* tradition. According to legend, one starry night he saw shepherds sleeping in moonlit fields with their flocks, evoking in his mind the first Christmas. Inspired by this sight, he beckoned the villagers to light the sky with their candles and participate in a re-enactment of the Nativity. Overlooking the Italian village of Greccio on Christmas Eve in 1223, people acting the parts of Mary, Joseph, and others surrounded the infant Jesus in a manger full of hay with a live ox and donkey standing by. St. Francis wanted visitors to see and understand the Christ Child's hardships and the poverty of his surroundings.

Statuettes of the nativity flourished in churches, then in many royal courts, and eventually in the homes of commoners. By the 17th century, families in Naples welcomed friends and neighbors in their homes each December to share beloved *crèches* they had made or collected. This portrayal of the Nativity spread from Italy to France and, in time, throughout the world.

Because church services were usually conducted in Latin and the scriptures therefore could not be understood by the common people, the Creche became a visual means for teaching important aspects of the Christian faith.

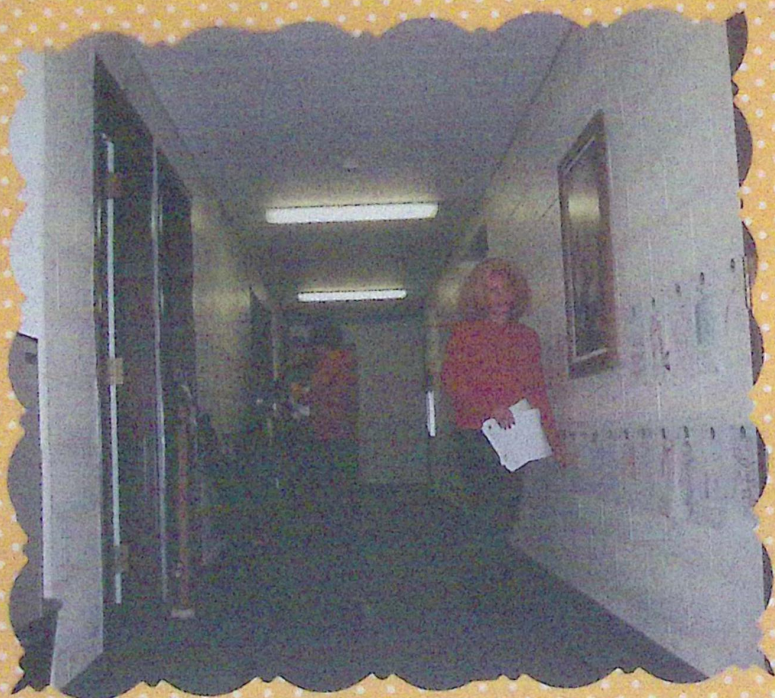
The striking thing about crèches is that they reflect both a common faith and the unique culture of the people who created them. Many *crèches* reflect cultural interpretations from around the world. This may be reflected in the gifts brought by the Wise Men. In *crèches* crafted by Native Americans, they do not bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but pottery and beads, a dog, seal oil, or Chinook salmon. In Nigeria, where they have often experienced famine, the kings bring bread, a true treasure to them.

Animals in the *crèche* scene have come down to us through tradition, legend and devotion that were expressed in Christian art. The ox and donkey attending the Baby Jesus in the manger have become almost essential elements for the depiction of the Nativity, even though they are not mentioned in the account of His birth. The rooster has special place of honor in the *crèches* from Portugal. It was a symbol of good luck and as the rooster awakened the people by announcing the birth of Christ. The rooster is sometimes portrayed in *crèches* from South American countries – El Salvador, Peru, & Brazil where there is a strong Portuguese influence.

People still seek to capture Christ's birth in a personal, meaningful way. A *crèche* may be an elaborate masterpiece crowned with jewels or a child's simple creation molded from clay. The Christmas *Crèche* is a Christian symbol filled with meaning, drawing our thoughts to Jesus and causing us to reflect on that sacred night of His birth.

"COME LET US ADORE HIM "

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*Holly Zenger and Friends
share the passion for Creche
exhibits with the community*





Social Hall

The Midway Social Hall is a building constructed of "pot rock" and reflects the simple features of Greek Revival architectural style. The building's foundation and exterior walls are made of a local limestone material laid in a course rubble masonry pattern with tooled mortar joints. It is a one-part block structure and has a symmetrical facade with double-hung windows and wooden pedimental features. It was built in 1898 using local labor paid for with shares in the Midway Hall Company.

The original interior was described by George Johnson, a local Midway resident, as a large open hall bounded on the south side by a small foyer and on the north side by a stage featuring a roll-up curtain painted by pioneer artist, Francis Kerby. Beginning with an opening dance on Christmas Eve in 1898, and continuing for almost 50 years, the Hall was the location for numerous community events. Traveling theater troupes, live band dances, box suppers, operas, dramas, plays, speeches, and concerts were among these activities. During World War I, a large dinner celebration was held for the local soldiers before they

marched to the Heber railroad depot where they boarded the trains to depart for the war. (Mortimer 1963, 563-564)

The interior space contains a total of 6,879 square feet. It is one of only a few remaining social halls built by the first settlers of LDS communities in Utah. From 1889 to the 1940s the hall functioned as the primary meeting place for community activities, religious, and town meetings. Later it served as a food cannery, an LDS Bishop's Storehouse, and a welfare food storage center. Today, since the building was donated to the Midway Boosters' Club, it provides storage space and preparation area for the annual Swiss Days celebration. (National Register of Historic Places)



Midway Social Hall

Built in 1898, the Midway Social Hall is constructed of a local material known as "pot rock," a porous limestone formed by "hot pots," or hot springs. The building is architecturally significant in its use of this locally popular 19th-century construction material. This simple, rectangular structure incorporates Classical architectural features such as a symmetrical principal facade and pedimented lintels.

The Social Hall shares a wall with a building to its east built c. 1905 that was originally known as Hair's Barber Shop and Ice Cream Parlor. Between c. 1910-40 a window that existed in the shared wall was opened during functions at the Social Hall so patrons could be served ice cream and sodas.

The Midway Social Hall is historically significant for its role as a community meeting place and center for cultural performances. It is one of the few known remaining social halls constructed by Mormon communities during the second half of the nineteenth century. The hall functioned as the primary meeting place for local activities and celebrations and for religious and town meetings from the date of its construction until the building of the Midway Town hall in 1940.

Marker placed in 1996

The Midway Boosters

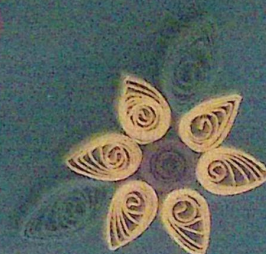
In 1947 there developed a great amount of interest in some sort of civic organization. Several nationally known organizations solicited support to commence membership in Midway. In a meeting of the town's people at Luke's Hot Pots during that year, what would later become known as The Midway Boosters, was organized with the first officers being: Reed Kohler, president; Francis Probst, first vice president; William Haueter, second vice president and LeRoy Huffaker, secretary/treasurer. (All the presidents from 1947 to the present are set forth in Appendix C). That September, as reported earlier, a highly successful celebration known as the Harvest Festival was held.

Giving something back to the community has been a consistent goal of the members of the Midway Boosters from the very outset. The following represent some of the civic improvement and other projects that have been successfully funded over the years: a community flower garden, grassed-in town square with water-sprinkling system, concrete tennis courts, improved telephone system (fewer party lines), re-furbished Town Hall, new street lighting, an ice skating rink, holiday decorations, scholarship funds, July 4th fireworks, and much more.

Midway Boosters, Inc. was organized as a non-profit organization and established a charter and mission statement to provide volunteer resources for the benefit of the community. The Boosters became the sponsor of Swiss Days and as the celebration grew into a major event and attracted tens of thousands of visitors for a two-day celebration, various church groups donated their time to prepare food, drinks and entertainment. The tourists were more than happy to buy goods from local craftsmen and sample traditional Swiss cuisine.

The Boosters also sponsor an annual holiday event called "Swiss Christmas." Held in the Town Hall, this event features numerous food and craft booths with Christmas merchandise, entertainment, and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus who chat with each child and give them candy. The Swiss Chorus, also under Boosters' direction, provides a Christmas concert on that weekend.

There are two other unique events that are held in Midway during Christmas time. The Interfaith Crèche Exhibit in Midway was initiated in 1997 by Holly Zenger. It began in the Zenger home, but became so popular that it was moved into the Midway LDS Stake Center. Now the event attracts nearly 8,000 people who come to see hundreds of nativity scenes from 70



FORMER PRESIDENTS!

1947 Reed Kohler
1948 Francis Probst
1949 Roy Huffaker
1950 Leland Ivers
1951 Myron Gale
1952 Wendell Cluff
1953 Scott Whitaker
1954 Bert Blood
1955 Vern Wilson
1956 Robert Welch
1957 Del Wallengren
1958 Reed Kohler
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1960 Ferrin Whitaker
1961 Ray Gertsch
1962 Lincoln Pugh
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1964 C. Arlo Fillmore
1965 Earl Houtz
1966 Bill Mair
1967 Ivan Pope
1968 Dennis Clegg
1969 Leland Ivers
1970 Lowell Johnson
1971 Emer Wilson
1972 Daniel Ballstaedt
1973 Ken Kohler
1974 Larry Bonner

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1978 Ralph Britsch
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1980 Andy Mitchell
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1987 Dick Nelson
1988 Connie Tatton
1989 Steven Ridge
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1993 Roger Urry
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1995 Joe Probst
1996 Mark Lundskog
1997 John Oleson
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1999 Marilyn Larsen
2000 Jack Zenger
2001 Jack Zenger
2002 Jack Zenger
2003 Gary Lloyd

The National Register of Historic Places
has listed thirteen architectural nominations
in Midway. These include the following
properties:

- Andreas Burgener/ Conrad Boss Farmstead
(102 West 100 South)
- John Watkins Rock House (22 West 100
South)
- William Coleman House (578 East Main
Street)
- Schneitter's Hotel (Homestead Resort)
- Watkins / Coleman House (5 East Main
Street)
- Social Hall (71 East Main Street)
- George Bonner House (103 East Main
Street)

- William Bonner House (110 East Main
Street)
- George Bonner, Jr. House (90 East Main
Street)
- Attewall Wootten, Jr. House (270 East
Main Street)
- Town Hall (120 West Main Street)
- John Huber House and Creamery (1200
West Snake Creek Road)
- Snake Creek Hydroelectric Power Station
(Snake Creek Canyon)

Each National Register selection must
meet several criteria levels and "represent the
quality of significance in American history,
architecture and culture. And embody the
distinctive characteristics of a type, period,
method of construction, or possess high artistic
values."

countries. Over 125 collectors, many from the 25 churches in nearby Kamas, Coalville, Park City, and Heber, bring crèches for this display. Zenger, with nearly 700 crèches, has one of the largest private collections in the country.

The Cottages for Children (Gingerbread Houses) is the second event held in Midway during the Christmas holidays. This is a fundraiser for the Children's Justice Center, a new and important social service agency that serves abused and neglected children in Wasatch and Summit Counties. Midway resident Valerie Kelson and the Wasatch Wave newspaper initiated and continue to champion this event each year.

In 1998, the Boosters made financial contributions to enable many talented young local high school students to participate in educational trips to Washington, D.C. They also assisted the Snake Creek Preservation Group in acquiring land in the area for a permanent "open space easement" for future

generations to enjoy the beautiful Wasatch mountains unencumbered by mining and real estate development. The group also purchased medical equipment for the Wasatch County Sheriff's department and Fire District.



*First Swiss Days children's parade ca. 1953.
Courtesy of Kaye Bonner.*

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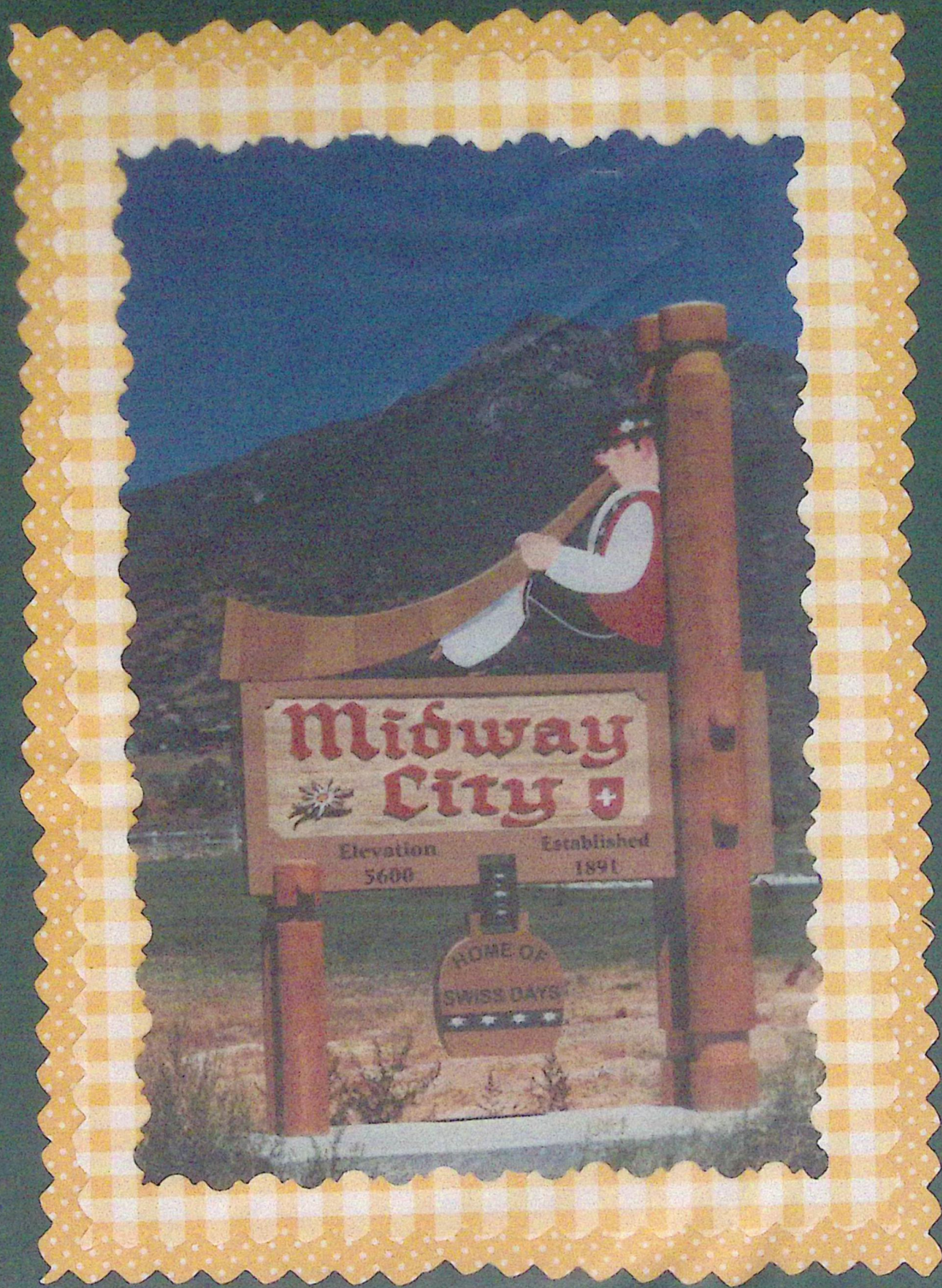
The annual Swiss Days event each September now attracts more than 80,000 people from around the West. Brian Preece, the city administrator and planner for Midway, had the following comment regarding Swiss Days: "During the past two years I have observed

In 1999 and 2000, the Midway Boosters donated over \$60,000 for the remodeling of the historic Midway Town Hall. They sponsored the "End of the Century" New Year's Eve party and fireworks display for the community. The generous contributions of time and talent of the Midway Boosters provided for many other projects and improvements to Midway City facilities and programs that would otherwise be

this celebration first hand. It is just amazing the way these volunteers work together to pull it off. We here at the city could never in a million years put it on. There are only five full-time employees, including myself. There is just plain 'no way' we could ever do it. The Boosters and their Swiss Days Committee have it down pat. And the city of Midway benefits directly from community service projects, like the remodeling of the Town Hall, new street lighting, and other improvements, which are all funded with the proceeds from Swiss Days."

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